

Discussion Questions (with Advocate)

Figuring Things Out

The first step is to assess your situation. Then you can make plans and take the steps you need.

Financial - Questions 1 & 2

Taking care of yourself and a baby costs money. Considering where you're at financially will help you to focus on what you need.

Shelter - Question 3

You and your baby need a safe roof over your heads. Evaluate your living situation.

School - Questions 4 & 5

Your level of school can affect your income. If you haven't finished high school, then you should consider getting your GED. Consider what schooling you would like to pursue.

Support - Question 6 & 7

You will need help taking care of your baby. It's great to have someone you can bounce concerns off of, who will help you with baby-sitting, or who will encourage you. There are many resources for you - from family and friends to pregnancy centers and support groups.

Transportation - Question 8

You have to get around. All transportation costs money. Evaluate what type of transportation you will be using.

Your Situation Is Unique

Everyone's situation is unique. Let's take a look at yours to determine what help you will need to successfully go it alone. Answer the following questions:

1. Do you have financial support for your baby? Is your baby's father involved?
2. Do you have a job or financial assistance? If so, is your income sufficient? Or do you need to find a job? If so, what kind of job do you want?
3. Is your current living arrangement short or long-term? If it is short-term, do you have a long-term plan (for instance, are you on a list for an apartment or do you have a future roommate plan)?
4. Have you finished high school or do you need to get your GED?
5. Would you like to go to community college or a technical school? If so, what program would you like to pursue?
6. Do you have a lot of support from family? If so, in what way is your family willing to help you?
7. Are you familiar and comfortable with taking care of a baby, or do you feel you need some help?
8. What kind of transportation will you be using?