

CW Child Support Pass Through

When is child support income used to determine Colorado Works eligibility and/or grant amounts?

Intake

Child support is countable as unearned income during step one: determining initial eligibility.

Compare all income, including child support, against the Need Standard. Remember to consider if the family would benefit by excluding half siblings that are receiving child support.

If **under** the Need Standard, the family is eligible. Child support is not counted in step two: determining grant amount.

If **over** the Need Standard, the family is ineligible.

Refer to the **CW Initial Eligibility and Grant Calculation Desk Aid** in Training.Colorado.gov.

Ongoing

Once found eligible, all child support income is excluded, both from the grant calculation and for eligibility.

Did You Know?

You can find additional information about Child Support Pass Through by checking out the Income Considerations for Colorado Works web-based training on COLearn.

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RRR/Renewal

CBMS will look at the following to determine continuing Child Support Pass Through at RRR/Renewal:

If the child support was received in all 6 of the past 6 months and the average amount is over \$500, the current amount of child support is combined with other income and compared to the Need Standard to determine initial eligibility. If eligible, child support will not be used to determine the grant (Pass Through).

If the average amount is \$500 or less, or child support was not received in all 6 of the past 6 months, all child support income will continue to Pass Through.