

Colorado Works Household Composition and Circumstances

A Colorado Works household consists of individuals who live together and must apply for Colorado Works as a single household (the Assistance Unit or AU) and individuals whose income must be used to determine financial eligibility for the household (the Budgetary Unit or BU). Members of the household may or may not be individually eligible to receive Colorado Works. This desk aid shows whether or not members of a household can receive a Colorado Works payment, will have their income counted when determining eligibility for the household, and whether their TANF clock will tick based on whether the member is part of the AU or BU and whether or not the member is eligible, ineligible/disqualified, or excluded.

Relationship Type and Special Circumstances	Receives CW?	Does Income Count?	Clock Tick?
Parent	Yes	Yes	Yes
Parent is receiving SSI	No	No	No
Parent is undocumented	No	Yes	Yes
Parent is a minor and head of household	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pregnant mother (no other children in the home)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pregnant mother is undocumented (documented husband to pregnant mother is in the home)	No	Yes	Yes
Husband to pregnant mother	Yes	Yes	Yes
Boyfriend to pregnant mother	No	No	No



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Step-parent with no child in common	Optional	Yes	Only if requesting
Step-parent with child in common	Yes	Yes	Yes
Child	Yes	Yes	No
Child with parent not exercising responsibility	No	No	No
Child is receiving SSI	No	No	No
Child with half-sibling not receiving child support	Yes	Yes	No
Child with half-sibling receiving child support	Optional	Only if requesting	No
Child with sibling in custody of a different caretaker due to child welfare/court order	No	No	No
Child with sibling in custody of same non-parent caretaker	Yes	Yes	No
Non-parent caretaker with responsibility for child	Optional	Only if requesting	Only if requesting
Spouse of non-parent caretaker with responsibility for child	Optional	Only if requesting	Only if requesting

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