

Colorado Works Household Composition and Circumstances

ASSISTANCE UNIT

An Assistance Unit (AU) consists of members of the household who live together and whose income (Budget Unit or BU) and other circumstances are considered in determining eligibility and payment amount. It is important to know when the TANF Time Clock will tick. This desk aid assists in determining who is in the AU and BU, and in what circumstances the time clock will tick.

Relationship Type	Special Circumstances	Required Member	Does \$ Count?	Clock Tick?
Parent	N/A	✓	✓	✓
	Parent is receiving SSI			
	Parent is not exercising responsibility			
	Parent is undocumented		✓	✓
Pregnant mother (no other children in the home)	N/A	✓	✓	✓
	Mother is undocumented (documented husband to pregnant mother is in the home)		✓	✓
Husband to pregnant mother	N/A	✓	✓	✓
Boyfriend to pregnant mother	N/A			
Stepparent	No child in common	Optional member	✓	Only if requesting
	Child in common	✓	✓	✓
Child	N/A	✓	✓	✓
	Child is receiving SSI			
	Half-sibling not receiving child support	✓	✓	✓
	Half-sibling receiving child support	Optional member	Only if requesting	
	Sibling in custody different caretaker due to child welfare/court order			
Non-parent caretaker with responsibility for child	N/A	Optional member	Only if requesting	Only if requesting

