

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	Special Circumstances	Receives CW?	Does \$ Count?	Clock Tick?
Parent	N/A	✓	✓	✓
	Parent is receiving SSI			
	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	✓	Only if requesting
	Child in common	✓	✓	✓
Child	N/A	✓	✓	
	Parent is not exercising responsibility			
	Child is receiving SSI			
	Half-sibling not receiving child support	✓	✓	
	Half-sibling receiving child support	Optional	Only if requesting	
	Sibling in custody different caretaker due to child welfare/court order			
Non-parent caretaker with responsibility for child	N/A	Optional	Only if requesting	Only if requesting
Spouse of Non-parent caretaker with responsibility for child	N/A	Optional	Only if requesting	Only if requesting

