

CCMEP TANF Income Counting Policy

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Effective Date

This policy will go into effect immediately upon passage.

Purpose

This policy provides guidance regarding whose income in a household the lead agency requires to be counted for CCMEP TANF eligibility depending on the youth's family situation.

Background

The CCMEP is monitored by state monitoring staff and the workforce area and lead agency are responsible for monitoring its sub recipients, contractors and staff to ensure that all activities are in compliance with laws, regulations, and award provisions applicable to CCMEP. As part of this monitoring, the workforce area and lead agency will also review performance measures to ensure other improvements in process, priorities or strategy are implemented to improve youth outcomes and performance results. These local monitoring efforts help ensure that the workforce area and lead agency do not receive findings of noncompliance from the state monitoring staff which would require a continuing improvement plan or a corrective action plan for failing performance measures in CCMEP.

Requirements

If the youth is:

- 1) A minor child (under 18 or under 19 and attending high school full time), then the income of the youth's Parent(s) and Stepparent(s) in the same household as the youth will be counted to determine whether the youth meets the 200% FPL income requirement.
- 2) A parent, specified relative, legal guardian or legal custodian of a minor child, then the income of the Youth (if the youth is not a minor) and the Parent(s) of the youth, the Stepparent(s) of the youth, the Domestic Partner of the youth, and the Spouse of the youth living in the same household as the youth will be counted to determine whether the youth meets the 200% FPL income requirement.
- 3) A non-custodial parent who lives in the state, but does not reside with his/her minor child(ren); then the income of the Youth (if the youth is not a minor) and the Parent(s) of the youth, the Stepparent(s) of the youth, the Domestic Partner of the youth, and the Spouse of the youth living in the same household as the youth will be counted to determine whether the youth meets the 200% FPL income requirement.

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- 4) A pregnant individual, then the income of the Youth (if the youth is not a minor), the Parent(s) of the youth, the Stepparent(s) of the youth, the Domestic Partner of the youth, and the Spouse of the youth living in the same household as the youth will be counted to determine whether the youth meets the 200% FPL income requirement.
 - 5) An individual age 18 to 24 that is part of a family that includes a minor child (under 18 or under 19 and attending high school full time), then the income of the Youth and the Parent(s) of the youth, the Stepparent(s) of the youth, the Domestic Partner of the youth, and the Spouse of the youth living in the same household as the youth will be counted to determine whether the youth meets the 200% FPL income requirement.

For this individual, there would not need to be a relationship between the individual and the minor child other than living in the same household.