

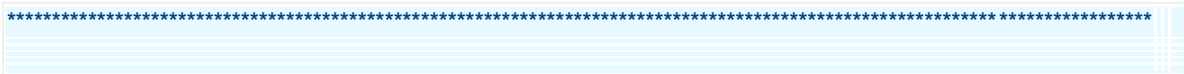
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Summary

Worker Responsibility - [WAC 388-450-0162](#) Updated the contact information of TANF/Cash Policy staff for tribal-placed child-only cases.

See below for edited text:



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How to Calculate Cash Assistance (Means Testing) for Non-parental Child-Only Caregivers starting November 1, 2011:

1. Determine if any TANF child in the household is exempt from income means testing based on a state or tribal child welfare placement and an “open” child welfare case. Ask the caregiver if the child in their care was placed by a state or tribal child welfare agency.
 1. State child welfare cases are coded with an “R” or “F” in the Relative Placement field on the child’s DEM1 screen in ACES.

2. Tribal-placed child-only cases may not be coded in ACES and may have to be identified by phone contact with individual tribes. Follow your local protocol for communication with tribes, such as contacting your local tribal liaison. If you are unsuccessful in confirming a placement through a tribal liaison, please contact ~~Kerry Judge (360-725-4630 or judgeka@dshs.wa.gov) or Tom Berry at (360-725-4617 or berrytj@dshs.wa.gov) or Angela Aikins at 360-725-4784 or nelsoal@dshs.wa.gov)~~ at CSD headquarters.
3. If you successfully determine an open child welfare placement, the child is exempt from means testing and you should continue to process and finalize the TANF grant
2. If the child is not exempt from means testing, determine who is in the child-only means-testing household based on TANF household composition rules and enter this information into ACES.
3. Verify the countable income of all members of the child-only means testing household, based on TANF rules for what income is countable. Enter this information into ACES under the appropriate household member.
4. ACES will determine eligibility for the TANF child(ren) and the appropriate TANF payment standard if the child-only means-tested AU income is 300% of the Federal Poverty Level or less. If the means tested income is over 300% ACES will automatically close the child-only TANF grant.
5. If the household passes the means test the ACES system will budget only the TANF child's countable income against the appropriate payment standard and determine the actual benefit amount.

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