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Summary

Updated clarifying information for WAC 388-408-0060. Removed outdated information and linked relevant resources for staff.

Clarifying Information - WAC 388-408-0060

1. For justice involved individual, reference the following Desk Aids:
 1. Program Options for Inmates
 2. Desk Aid - Sentencing Alternatives – Offenders with Minor Children
 1. ~~Persons who are participating in Department of Corrections Family & Offender Sentencing Alternative (FOSA) or Community Parenting Alternative (CPA) program may be eligible for ABD cash benefits. Refer to the Alternatives to Total Confinement—Persons with Minor Children SSB 6639 desk aid, located in WorkFirst Handbook Chapter 1.2, under “Other Resources” for additional information. Please contact Tarimah Williams at tarimah.williams@dshs.wa.gov or 360-628-7407 if you have any questions about FOSA or CPA.~~
2. For information on ABD case processing, reference Aged, Blind, or Disabled Cash Assistance (ABD) | DSHS (wa.gov) in the ACES Manual.~~If a husband and wife that live together are both disabled and apply for ABD cash, they are in the same AU. We base the AU's benefits on the two-person payment standard for ABD, not two-times the amount of the one-person standard. See WAC 388-478-0033 for ABD payment standards. Please see "How do I process Aged,~~

Blind, or Disabled (ABD) Cash for a married couple when each is eligible for different programs?"

~~3. If a client can get TANF or SFA, they can't get ABD cash under WAC 388-400-0060.~~

~~4.3. If an AU with a disabled adult is over income for TANF because of a child's income, the disabled adult may be eligible for ABD cash. We don't allocate the child's income to the parent because the child isn't financially responsible for the parent. See WAC 388-450-0100. An ABD cash AU contains the disabled adult and their spouse if the spouse is also disabled. We don't allocate the child's income to the parent because the child isn't financially responsible for the parent. See WAC 388-450-0100~~

EXAMPLE A client takes care of their grandchild on an ongoing basis. Because the client can get TANF, they can't choose to get ABD cash for their own needs and not have assistance for the grandchild.

EXAMPLE A disabled parent woman applies for TANF for herself and her daughter. The daughter gets a monthly SSA death benefit of \$650. This income makes the AU ineligible for TANF. Since the client is disabled and ineligible for TANF, she may be eligible for ABD cash. The daughter is not in the AU and the death benefit is not allocated to the AU.