

**0205.050.25            Temporary Assistance Two Parents**

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Refer to the Case Management section for the work participation requirement.

208.040 RSMO authorizes the payment of Temporary Assistance benefits to children living with two parents, who do not have a disability.

Temporary Assistance for children living with two parents involves the biological and/or adoptive parents. If all eligibility factors are met, include the Temporary Assistance both parents in the Temporary Assistance assistance group used to determine the family's Temporary Assistance payment amount.

**0205.050.25.05            Child Living in Parents' Home**

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1. The child **lives in the home with both biological or adoptive parents.** The parents do not have to be married. A stepparent is not eligible for Temporary Assistance-UP unless an in-common child exists who is deprived of parental support.

In all cases, establish the father's relationship to his child. If the father is not married to the mother, offer him the opportunity to sign the Affidavit Acknowledging Paternity (VS-465). If the father refuses to sign the paternity statement, the family is still eligible for Temporary Assistance-Two Parent Household. The father may seek legal counsel prior to signing the paternity statement.

2. When a parent returns to the home of a family receiving Temporary Assistance, immediately determine eligibility for Temporary Assistance with two parents. Leave the case open while the parent's eligibility is determined. Make this determination on a priority basis. Discontinue Temporary Assistance if the family is not eligible.

**0205.050.25.10            Deprivation Due to Financial Need**

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When a child lives with both parents and both are able to work, that child's deprivation of parental support is based upon a determination of financial need.

Include all children of both parents, any half siblings who are deprived of parental support, and the parent(s) of an included child, except for SSI recipients.

**EXAMPLE #1:** Mr. and Mrs. J apply for Temporary Assistance. Their household consists of Mrs. J's two children by a previous marriage,

Mr. J's child by a previous marriage and their child in common. Mr. J works 20 hours per week, at the rate of \$9.50 per hour. Their budget is calculated as follows:

Mr and Mrs. J and all four children are included in the budget.

Gross monthly income	823.27	less than 185% (2307.00)
Standard work Expense	<u>-90.00</u>	
Net income	733.27	
Family meets the Full Need Standard for 6 (1247.00)		

Net Income	733.27	
\$30+1/3	<u>-265.00</u>	
	468.27	
Ineligible on Percentage of Need for 6 (431.00)		

Therefore, the J's in common child cannot be considered deprived of parental support.

If Mrs. J wishes to receive for her two children by her previous marriage, her eligibility for these children is determined as follows:

Complete stepparent deeming computation, using Mr. J's earnings and the needs of himself, his child by his previous marriage and the child in common. Since his net income of \$733.27 is less than the full need standard for three, \$846.00, no income is demed. Enter a Y in Field 28-Stepparent of IMU5.

Mrs. J is eligible for a grant of \$292.00 for herself and two children.

Mr. J is not eligible for a grant for himself and his child by a pervious marriage because his earnings exceed the limit for a two person household. Explore eligibility for MC+ for Mr. J and the two children who are ineligible for MAF.

**EXAMPLE #2:** Mr. and Ms. S have four children, three in common and one of Ms. S's by her previous marriage. Neither Mr. nor Ms. S is incapacitated. Mr. S works 30 hours a week at the rate of \$5.50 per hour. Their budget is calculated as follows:

Mr. amd Ms. S and all four children are included in the budget.

Gross monthly income	714.94	less than the 185% (2307.00)
Standard work expense	<u>-90.00</u>	
Net income	624.94	

Family meets the Full Need Standard for 6 (1247.00)

Net Income	624.94	
\$30+1/3	<u>-228.33</u>	
	396.61	
Eligible on Percentage of Need for 6 (431.00)		
431.00 - 396.61 = 34.39 (Grant 34.00)		