

9.7 QUALIFIED AND POVERTY-LEVEL CHILDREN

NOTE: SSI recipients, whether they are adults or children, are not included in the AG, Income or Needs Group.

A. THE ASSISTANCE GROUP (AG)

1. Who Must Be Included

The Qualified and Poverty-Level child must be included.

2. Who Cannot Be Included

Only the Qualified and Poverty-Level child is included.

B. THE INCOME GROUP (IG)

The income of the following individuals is used to determine the child's eligibility:

- The child
- The child's mother, if living in the home
- The child's legal father, if living in the home
- The child's legal spouse, if living in the home

NOTE: In cases involving joint custody of a child when the child resides with each parent 50% of the time, the income of both parents is counted for the child. In joint custody cases involving more time with one parent than the other, only the income of the parent with whom the child resides the majority of the time, is counted.

C. THE NEEDS GROUPS (NG)

The needs of the following individuals are used to determine the child's eligibility.

- The child
- The child's mother, if living in the home
- The child's legal father, if living in the home
- The child's legal spouse, if living in the home

- The child's blood-related or adopted siblings who are under age 19, regardless of school attendance or course completion date, if living in the home

Countable income is compared to the income limit for the number of persons in the Needs Group to determine financial eligibility.