

**B. THE INCOME GROUP**

The non-excluded income of all AG members is counted.

The non-excluded income of the ineligible and disqualified individuals who would normally be required to be included in the AG must be counted when determining eligibility, but disqualified and excluded SSI individuals are not counted in the Needs Group.

See Chapter 10 to determine how the income is counted.

**C. THE NEEDS GROUP**

Countable income is compared to the income limits for the number in the AG to determine eligibility and the amount of the benefit.

**D. EXAMPLES OF AG COMPOSITION**

**EXAMPLE:** Household consists of **a mother** and her two dependent children. All are included in the AG.

**EXAMPLE:** Same as previous example, except that one child receives \$200 VA benefits each month. All are included in the AG, **with** \$200 counted as **unearned** income.

**EXAMPLE:** Household consists of Ms. **Jones** and her two nephews who are blood-related siblings. Both children are included. **Ms. Jones** can choose to be either included or excluded. If she is included, her income **and assets are** counted.

**EXAMPLE:** Household consists of **a married couple** and their three children. One of the three children receives SSI. All are included in the AG. The SSI payment is not counted as income **for WV WORKS**.

**EXAMPLE:** Household consists of Mr. and Mrs. **Edwards**, Mr. **Edwards'** two children from a previous marriage and Mrs. **Edwards'** child from a previous marriage. All are included in the same AG.

**EXAMPLE:** Household consists of Mr. and Mrs. **Fry**, their two children and Mrs. **Fry's** niece. Mr. and Mrs. **Fry have applied for benefits for their family and their niece**, so all are included in the AG.

**EXAMPLE:** Household consists of **Major mother, minor mother and minor mother's child**. **Major mother applies for WV WORKS for minor mother's child. Major mother is considered the caretaker for both her daughter and grandchild and all must be included in the AG.**

**EXAMPLE:** Household consists of **Mother** and her two sons who receive WV WORKS. **Mother's** emancipated **daughter** returns to the **household** with her child. **The daughter** and her child are a separate AG because she is emancipated.

**EXAMPLE:** Household consists of Mr. **Jones**, his wife and her two children from a previous marriage. Mr. and Mrs. **Jones** and her two children **must all be included in the AG**.

Mr. **Jones'** ex-wife and her two children move into Mr. **Jones'** home and apply for WV WORKS. Mr. **Jones** is the father of his ex-wife's children. All **must be** included in the same AG.

**EXAMPLE:** Household consists of **a mother**, her daughter and **grandchild**. **The mother legally adopts her grandchild. The mother applies for WV WORKS and the AG consists of the mother and her two daughters.**

**EXAMPLE:** Household consists of Mr. and Mrs. **Lane** and their son. Their divorced minor daughter and her child move back into the home. Mr. and Mrs. **Lane** and their son are included in one AG. A separate AG is established for **their divorced daughter** and her child because **she is legally emancipated**.

**EXAMPLE:** Mrs. **Mays** and her 3 children move in with her parents after her divorce. The household consists of Mrs. **Mays**, her 3 children, **and her parents**. The WV WORKS AG consists of Mrs. **Mays** and her 3 children. None of the income of **her parents** is counted, **but the 25% reduction is applied for living with others**.

**EXAMPLE:** Miss **Smith** applies for a WV WORKS check for her nephew. She has recently lost her job and chooses to be included in the payment. Two months later Miss **Smith** finds another job. Her earnings are excessive and she tells the Worker she wants to be removed from the payment. The Worker explains that she must still be included, based on her decision at application and closes the case, after proper notice. Eight months later Miss **Smith** is laid off and reapplies. She and her nephew are both included in the payment because one year has not elapsed. The following month, Miss **Smith** again finds employment and the case is closed. A year after the original application, **she** applies for her nephew only and is approved with none of her income counted.

**EXAMPLE:** Household consists of **a married couple** and their 4 **minor** children. **The father** and 2 of the children are SSI recipients. **The mother** and all of the children are included in the AG. **The father** is not included in the AG. The SSI payments of **the father** and the 2 children are not counted in determining the amount of the WV WORKS check.