

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 a joint custody **situation in which** a child resides 50% of the time **with each parent**, the income of both parents is counted for the child. In a joint custody **situation in which** the child **spends** the majority of **his** time **with one parent, only the income of that parent** 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

NOTE: When the income of both parents is counted for a child who resides with each parent 50% of the time, both parents are included in the child's Needs Group.

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