

PURPOSE

To clarify how the citizenship and immigration status of household members will be determined to meet eligibility requirements.

POLICY

A family's eligibility for financial assistance shall only be impacted by the citizenship status of the participating child(ren). If a participating child does not have a federally eligible citizenship or immigration status, the family will be ineligible to receive financial assistance.

PROCEDURES

1. A participating child must have a verified, federally eligible citizenship or immigration status. Self-declaration of citizenship or immigration status is allowable on the Child Care Financial Assistance Program application. Only the citizenship and immigration status of the child, who is the primary beneficiary of the benefit, is relevant.
2. Federally eligible statuses include:
 - a. US Citizen.
 - i. If the child was born in the United States, they are a US Citizen.
 - b. A child is a qualified immigrant if they have one of the following immigration statuses:
 - i. Lawful permanent resident
 - ii. Asylee
 - iii. Refugee
 - iv. Paroled into the U.S. for at least one year
 - v. Granted withholding of removal
 - vi. Victim of abuse or trafficking
 1. Contact CDD for assistance determining if a child is eligible as a victim of abuse or trafficking
3. If a child's citizenship or immigration status is not one of the above, they are not eligible to receive child care financial assistance. A child who is not eligible due to their citizenship or immigration status may be counted as a household member when determining household size.