P-2210 HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION (continued)

P-2210B Minor Parents (20-02)

Living With Parents (Reach Up rule 2231.2, Reach Up Services rule 2336)

A minor parent living in the household of their parents may apply for Reach Up on behalf of themselves and their child. This is true even if the minor parent is the only child in the household. The grandparents' income and resources are <u>not</u> considered.

Example: Minor Parent Living with Parents

The household consists of two parents with two minor children. One of the minor children, age 15, has a child. She will pay her parents (now referred to as grandparents) \$400 a month in rent once she gets Reach Up. She applies for Reach Up for herself and the child. She has no income but her father earns \$1200.00 a week. The grandparents own their own home outside Chittenden County and pay \$800.00 a month in mortgage payments.

The minor parent and her child are eligible for Reach Up. Her \$400 month shelter expense will be considered for the budget—but none of the grandparent's income (the \$1200/week) will be counted.

Living With Foster Parents or in DCF Custody (Reach Up rule 2263.4)

A minor parent who is committed to the care and custody of DCF is <u>not</u>eligible for Reach Up benefits if he/she has foster parents receiving foster care payments on their behalf. In order to be eligible for Reach Up, the foster care payments <u>must</u> be terminated. The minor parent, foster parents and DCF need to choose whether foster care payments (for the minor parent only) or Reach Up benefits (for the minor parent and child) would be more advantageous. If Reach Up is chosen, the minor parent's and child's needs should be budgeted as room/board.

There are some instances where a minor parent does <u>not</u> live with foster parents but lives on her own and receives payments from DCF. In order to be eligible for Reach Up, these payments need to be terminated.

Foster Care Special Circumstances

If the second parent of the minor parent's child lives in the same household with the minor parent and the minor parent's foster parents, the second parent and child can receive a Reach Up grant on their own.

Example: Sam lives with his uncle and aunt who receive a foster care stipend for him. Sam and Sally just had a baby, Suzannah. All three are now living with Sam's uncle and aunt.

Sally and Suzannah can receive a Reach Up grant on their own. Sam can continue to receive a foster care stipend through his uncle and aunt. Ask during reviews if the foster care stipend continues. When payment ends, Sam should be added to the Reach Up grant.

BPS Support

Consult ESD AOPS if household composition is questionable

Entering above Foster Care Special Circumstances in ACCESS

Remove the X under RU on Sam's MEMB panel and place a 6 under his RU Case Memb. Put through background.

Code Sam a 9 under RUFA Case Member and add a UNEA for SSI income with a \$0.01 of income.

Add a DISA panel with D E 99 99 9999.

Enter a CATN and a WARN on case explaining why this was done and reminding BPS to check at every review if foster care payments are still being received on Sam's behalf.

Do not add an ABSP panel, as Office of Child Support (OCS) will not consider him to be absent.

Approved Living Arrangement Requirement

Minor parents must be living in an approved living arrangement and "Y" must be placed in the "appr'd living arrangement" field on the STAT header panel to approve eligibility for a minor parent.

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