

## From the Hotline

If you have any questions on this column or other policy and procedural material, please have your Hotline designee call the **Policy Hotline at 617-348-8478**.

**Q** My applicant is applying for TAFDC and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. Three years ago, he became a naturalized citizen. Six months ago, his twin daughters were born outside of the United States. They reunited with him in the U.S. last month. Given the recent arrival of these children in the U.S., can they be eligible for cash assistance and/or SNAP benefits?

**A.** Yes. If otherwise eligible, these children can be considered U.S. citizens because:

- they have at least one parent who was a United States citizen at the time of their birth; and
- their parent resided in the U.S. before they were born.

For further information on citizen regulations in the SNAP Program, refer to 106 CMR 362.210.

For further information on citizen regulations in the TAFDC Program, refer to 106 CMR 203.670.

**Q.** My TAFDC client is taking an online training course for college credit through the University of Phoenix. Can she meet her work program requirement hours by participating in this course of study?

**A.** No. While your client may continue in the course, these hours cannot be used to meet her work program requirement. This is because the University of Phoenix does not have a way to verify your client's participation hours. For more information on ESP program participation, refer to 106 CMR 207.115.

At this time, there are no approved Distance Learning locations for ESP post-secondary education activities.

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## Dates to Remember

November 5, 2008	Voluntary Layoff Incentive Program Deadline
November 7, 2008	Open Enrollment Deadlines: Health Care Spending Account and Dependent Care Assistance
November 11, 2008	Veterans' Day
November 27, 2008	Thanksgiving