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Example of TAFDC Case Affected by the Elimination of the TAFDC Work History Requirement

The elimination of the TAFDC work history requirement affected several types of cases. Examples were given in Field Operations Memo 2000-11; however, several TAOs requested an example involving an unmarried couple where one adult has a child from a previous relationship and they also have a common child. In addition, the parent of the common child has earnings.

Example:

Ms. Gray and Mr. Blue are not married, but are living together. Ms. Gray has a child by a previous relationship and she and Mr. Blue have a common child.

Ms. Gray comes to the Transitional Assistance Office to apply for TAFDC for herself and her child by her previous relationship as there is a deprivation factor of continued absence. Mr. Blue is employed and has earned income. He is not applying for assistance for himself or the common child.

Effective 4/3/2000, the TAFDC work history requirement was eliminated. Since there is no longer a work history requirement or designation of a principal earner in the TAFDC regulations, the common child has a deprivation factor based on the unemployment of his mother, Ms. Gray.

Since all siblings related by blood who are themselves dependent children must be in the same assistance unit, Ms. Gray must include the common child in the TAFDC application. Also, since the parent(s) of a dependent child must be included in the same TAFDC case as the dependent child(ren), the common child's father must be included in the TAFDC application. (See 106 CMR 204.305.)

This results in one application for a TAFDC assistance unit for a family of four, i.e., Ms. Gray, her child by a previous relationship, Mr. Blue, and the common child. Mr. Blue's earned income is countable in determining the TAFDC eligibility for the entire family.

Note: This same scenario applies if the common child is a Family Cap child, except that the Family Cap child is not included in the assistance unit.

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Fleeing Felon Match

In May 2000, the Department of Transitional Assistance will run a pilot match with the Criminal History Systems Board (CHSB) database of individuals with felony-related warrants.

No action is required by the Transitional Assistance Office staff. Centralized Eligibility Operations is responsible for acting upon any and all information related to this match.

All inquiries from recipients to Transitional Assistance Office staff should be referred to the Warrant Match Unit at 1-800-322-9279.

EAEDC: Lump Sum Income

EAEDC State Letter 1191

The first \$600 of lump sum income is noncountable income in the month of receipt in the EAEDC program. This revision makes the EAEDC regulations consistent with the TAFDC regulations.