

WAC 388-454-0010 Do I have to be related to a child in order to get TANF or SFA for the child? To get TANF or SFA, a child must live with a parent, other relative, court-ordered guardian, court-ordered custodian, or other adult acting *in loco parentis*.

- (1) We consider the following people as parents for TANF and SFA:
 - (a) The child's natural or adoptive parent; or
 - (b) A stepparent who is legally obligated to support the child.
- (2) We consider a man as a child's natural father if the relationship is:
 - (a) Made under a judgment or order under RCW 26.26.130 that set the relationship between the parent and child; or
 - (b) Presumed under the Uniform Parentage Act (chapter 26.26 RCW).
- (3) When a child lives with a relative, the relative must be one of the following relationships to the child in order for that child to be eligible for TANF or SFA:
 - (a) The following blood relatives (including relatives of half blood) or their spouses: Siblings, first cousins (including first cousins once removed), nephews and nieces, and persons of earlier generations (including aunts, uncles and grandparents) as shown by the prefixes of great, great-great, or great-great-great;
 - (b) A natural parent whose parental rights were terminated by a court order;
 - (c) A stepparent who no longer has to support the child because:
 - (i) The child's natural or adoptive parent died; or
 - (ii) Divorce or dissolution ended the marriage between the stepparent and the child's natural or adoptive parent.
 - (d) A step sibling even if the marriage between the step sibling's parent and the child's natural or adoptive parent ended by death, divorce or dissolution.

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