



LARIMER COUNTY WORKS POLICY

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BACKGROUND:

The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996 outlined the intent for having minor parents living at home with a parent or in an approved, adult-supervised setting (“nested”). The state also adopted similar rules in July 1996 with an effective date of July 1997 that supports the regulation which requires that minor parents (those children not yet 18 who are pregnant or have a child) to live with their parent or approved setting.

REGULATIONS:

The State Department has set the following guidelines with regards to minor parents who are applying for or receiving Basic Cash Assistance (BCA):

- At the time a minor female becomes pregnant, she is considered a minor parent and must be living with at least one of her parents OR she must be living in an approved setting.
- At the time paternity is established for a minor father and he is living in the home with his child, he becomes a minor parent and must be living with at least one of his parents OR in an approved setting.
- If the minor parents become or are legally married (Common Law is not recognized for individuals under the age of 18), they are considered as adults and are not required to live with their parents or in an approved setting.
- All minor parents with children over 12 weeks of age or pregnant minors **MUST** be attending high school, GED classes or other state approved educational activity. If the minor does not participate and attend educational activities as listed above, **the entire assistance unit (including parents and siblings) become ineligible for BCA.**
- All children, including minor parents, must be in school full-time, or part-time and employed part-time, or part-time and unable to attend full-time due to a disability. The school or vocational training institution defines what full and part-time hours meet the requirement (3.601.2 effective 10/1/81 -- July 1996 rules). During the period the minor parent has a newborn under the age of 12 weeks, they are not required to meet this regulation.

POLICY:

Minor Lives with Parent, Stepparent, Grandparent, Step-grandparent, Aunt/Uncle, or sibling who is at least 21 years of age.

1. If a minor parent lives with an Aunt, Uncle, sibling, or ex-stepparent the technician will need to discuss the appropriateness with their supervisor before approving the BCA case.

Examples of referrals to Caseworker in the Children, Youth and Family division include, but are not limited to the following: Adult has history of fraud or child welfare, has been convicted of a felony, or questionable ability to provide care and control of the minor parent.

2. If the minor parent lives with at least one natural or adoptive parent, step-parent or grandparent (including step), they will be considered to be living in an approved setting.

NOTE: The minor parents must be included as members of their parents assistance unit in order for the entire unit to receive financial assistance. A minor parent can be their own payee if they live in an approved setting. The approved adult does not have to be included in the assistance unit (it is their choice). All unmarried minor parents must be coded as children.

Minor lives in some other living situation such as with friends, family or boyfriend.

1. All of these minor parents will be referred to the caseworker assigned to determine appropriateness (see procedure that follows).

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