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Summary

See below for edited text:

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Purpose:

This section contains rules and procedures on how to decide who is in an assistance unit for TANF, SFA, PWA and ABD cash.

WAC 388-408-0005 What is a cash assistance unit?

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WAC 388-408-0015 Who must be in my assistance unit?

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WAC 388-408-0020 When am I not allowed to be in a TANF or SFA assistance unit?

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WAC 388-408-0025 When can I choose who is in my TANF or SFA assistance unit?

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WAC 388-408-0030 What children must be in the same TANF or SFA assistance unit?

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WAC 388-408-0060 Who is in my assistance unit for Aged, Blind, or Disabled (ABD) cash assistance?

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For more complete details see these EA-Z Manual chapters: [APPLICATION](#) and [INTERVIEW REQUIREMENTS](#) OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION

Clarifying Information - WAC 388-408-0060

1. Persons who are participating in Department of Corrections Family & Offender Sentencing Alternative (FOSA) or Community Parenting Alternative (CPA) program may be eligible for ABD cash benefits. Refer to the ~~Sentencing~~ [Sentencing Alternatives to Total Confinement – Persons Offenders](#) with Minor Children SSB 6639 desk aid, located in WorkFirst Handbook [Chapter 1.2](#), under “Other Resources” for additional information. Please contact ~~Jennie Fitzpatrick at fitzpj@dsht.wa.gov or 360 725 4648 or Angela Aikins at nelsoal@dsht.wa.gov or 360 725 4784~~ [Tarimah Williams at Tarimah.williams@dsht.wa.gov or 360-628-7407](#) if you have any questions about FOSA or CPA.
2. If a husband and wife that live together are both disabled and apply for ABD cash, they are in the same AU. We base the AU's benefits on the two-person payment standard for ABD, not two times the amount of the one-person standard. See [WAC 388-478-0033](#) for ABD payment standards. Please see "[How do I process Aged, Blind, or Disabled \(ABD\) Cash for a married couple when each is eligible for different programs?](#)"
3. If a client can get TANF or SFA, they can't get ABD cash under [WAC 388-400-0060](#).
4. If an AU with a disabled adult is over income for TANF because of a child's income, the disabled adult may be eligible for ABD cash.

5. An ABD cash AU contains the disabled adult and their spouse if the spouse is also disabled. We don't allocate the child's income to the parent because the child isn't financially responsible for the parent. See [WAC 388-450-0100](#)

EXAMPLE A client takes care of their grandchild on an ongoing basis. Because the client can get TANF, they can't choose to get ABD cash for their own needs and not have assistance for the grandchild.

EXAMPLE A disabled woman applies for TANF for herself and her daughter. The daughter gets a monthly SSA death benefit of \$650. This income makes the AU ineligible for TANF. Since the client is disabled and ineligible for TANF, she may be eligible for ABD cash. The daughter is not in the AU and the death benefit is not allocated to the AU.