



## TANF 201-3 Relationship

**Supersedes:** TANF ~~305-1201-3~~ (10/1/18)

**Reference:** ARM 37.78.206 ~~- and~~.208

**Overview:** A minor child must be living with a specified caretaker relative who is providing care in a setting maintained or in the process of being established as the child's home.

### **SPECIFIED CARETAKER RELATIVE:**

A child's specified caretaker relative(s) may be any relation by blood, marriage or adoption that is within the fifth degree of kinship to the child. [A specified caretaker relative\(s\) does not include "in loco" parentis, fictive kin or legal guardians not related within the fifth degree of kinship to the child.](#)

[NOTE: "In loco" parentis, fictive kin or legal guardians can have legal custody, but not be related within the fifth degree of kinship to the child. These individuals are not eligible to receive TANF for the child.](#)

A specified caretaker relative may be one of the following individuals:

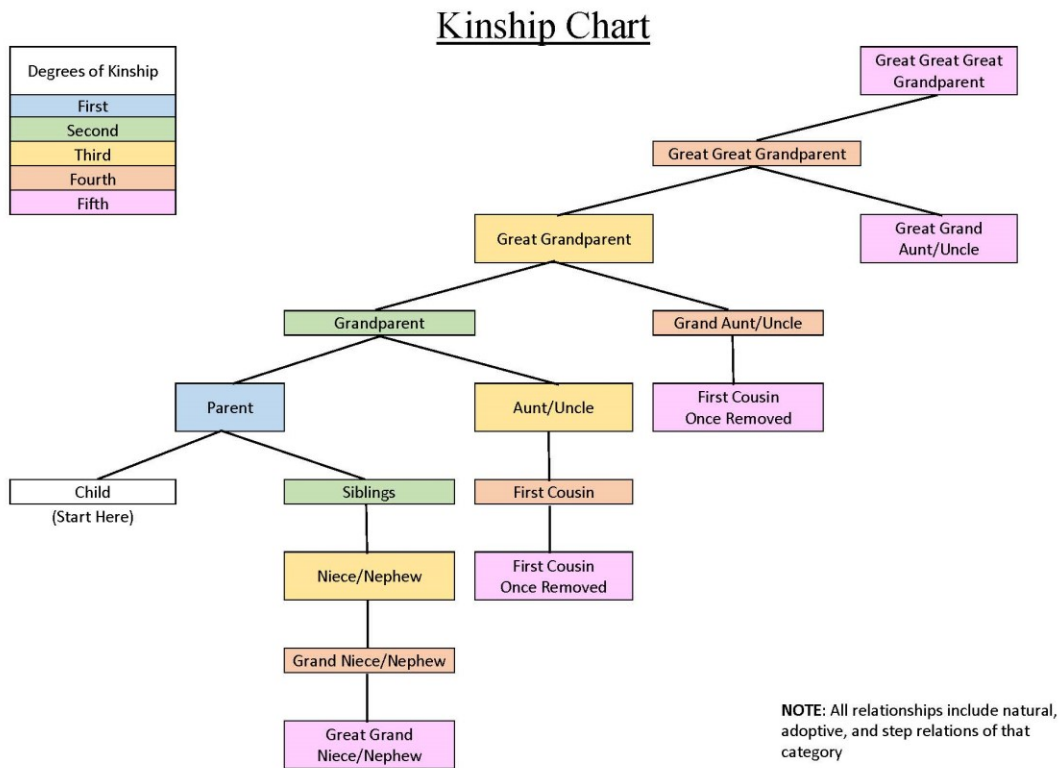
1. Father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece; or
2. Great grandparent, great-great grandparent, great-great-great grandparent, great-aunt, great-uncle, great-great aunt and uncle; or
3. Stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, stepsister; or
4. One who legally adopts the child or his/her parent as well as the natural and other legally adopted children of such persons, and other relatives of the adoptive parents; or
5. Spouses of anyone named in the above groups even after the marriage is terminated by death or divorce; and
6. First cousin once removed.

### **VERIFYING RELATIONSHIP:**

Verification must be provided which proves that each minor child included in the filing unit and the assistance unit is actually related to the specified relative(s), and to his/her sibling(s), either by blood, adoption or marriage.

The primary verification for relationship is the birth certificate/adoption papers, baptismal certificate, marriage license, divorce decree or death certificate. Other documents may be utilized if necessary.

**RELATIONSHIP DETERMINATION GUIDE:**



Degree	Relationship to Selected Person	How to Determine Relationship
First	Spouse Mother OR Father Daughter OR Son OR Unborn Stepdaughter OR Stepson Stepmother OR Stepfather	Husband or Wife Parent Child Child of Spouse Spouse of Parent
Second	Sister OR Brother Half Sister OR Half Brother Stepsister OR Stepbrother	Sibling Child of Parent and Stepparent Child of Stepparent Parent of Parent

<b>Degree</b>	<b>Relationship to Selected Person</b>	<b>How to Determine Relationship</b>
	Grandmother OR Grandfather Granddaughter OR Grandson	Child of Child
Third	Step-Grandmother or Step-Grandfather  Great Granddaughter OR Great Grandson Great Grandmother OR Great Grandfather Aunt OR Uncle (including steps) Niece OR Nephew (including steps)	Spouse of Grandparent/Parent of Step-Parent Child of Grandchild Parent of Grandparent Sibling to Parent Child of Sibling
Fourth	Great-Great Granddaughter OR Great-Great Grandson Great-Great Grandmother OR Great-Great Grandfather Great-Great Aunt OR Great-Great Uncle Great-Great Niece OR Great-Great Nephew First Cousin	Child of Great Grandchild Parent of Great Grandparent Sibling of Grandparent Grandchild of Sibling  Child of Aunt or Uncle
Fifth	Great-Great-Great Granddaughter OR Great-Great-Great Grandson Great-Great-Great Grandmother OR Great-Great-Great Grandfather Great-Great Aunt OR Great-Great Uncle Great-Great Niece OR Great-Great Nephew First Cousin Once Removed Second Cousin	Child of Great-Great Grandchild Parent of Great-Great Grandparent Sibling of Great Grandparent Great-Grandchild of Sibling Grandchild of Aunt or Uncle Child of Great Aunt or Great Uncle

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