

.03 Caretaker Relative – San Carlos Apache Tribe TANF

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A dependent child may receive TANF benefits when residing with a caretaker relative. The legal and biological relationship of the caretaker relative must be verified. The caretaker relative may request to have their needs included in the benefits. Only one specified caretaker relative may choose to be included in the budgetary unit. The budgetary unit must meet all other eligibility requirements.

A dependent child is considered to have a legal relationship to a caretaker relative when placed in the caretaker relative's home by one of the following:

- San Carlos Apache Tribal Court
- Federally recognized Tribal Court
- San Carlos Apache Tribal Social Services
- Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)
- State/County Welfare Agency
- Any US Judicial Court System

A dependent child is considered to have a biological relationship to the caretaker relative when related by blood. There is no limit to the degree of relationship. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Adult Sibling
- Aunt or Uncle
- Cousin
- Nephew or Niece
- Grandparent

(See [San Carlos-TANF Special Keying Requirements](#))