

421—24.4(216A) Identification of conditions and criteria for families at risk. The council has identified the following conditions and criteria which may place families at risk of instability or of dependency on the family investment program:

24.4(1) Educational level of head of household.

- a. Head of household has less than a high school education.
- b. Head of household lacks basic literacy skills.

24.4(2) Work experience of head of household.

- a. Head of household has never been employed.
- b. Head of household has multiple episodes of employment lasting less than one year.
- c. Head of household is currently unemployed.

24.4(3) Household composition.

- a. Members are homeless or nearly homeless.
- b. Members outside the nuclear family are in residence.
- c. One or more children in the household were born while the parent was on public assistance.
- d. One or more children in the household are identified as having special needs.
- e. Household includes an alcohol or substance abuser.
- f. Household includes a past or current perpetrator of child abuse or domestic violence.
- g. Household includes a member with a record of incarceration.

24.4(4) Background of head of household.

- a. Head of household was a teenager at birth of first child.
- b. Head of household has a disability or chronic illness (mental or physical).
- c. Head of household is a past or current victim of child abuse or domestic violence.
- d. Head of household grew up in a household with alcohol or substance abuse.

24.4(5) Public assistance history.

- a. Head of household grew up in a household that received public assistance.
- b. Household has experienced multiple episodes of receipt of public assistance.
- c. Household has been on public assistance for three or more years.

24.4(6) Other conditions. The council has also identified the following conditions that may contribute to instability or long-term dependency:

- a. Geographic location.
- b. Lack of employment opportunity.
- c. Lack of available services.
- d. Lack of transportation.

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