

**WAC 388-422-0010 Do I have to cooperate with the division of child support (DCS)?** (1) When you get benefits, you must cooperate with DCS as required to establish or collect child support, unless you have a good reason for not cooperating.

(2) DCS defines what cooperating with them to establish or collect child support means in WAC 388-14A-2040.

(3) If you are a two-parent household, you and the other parent must help DCS establish paternity for each child in your AU, if necessary.

(4) DCS determines whether you are cooperating with them. See WAC 388-14A-2041(1) for reasons why DCS might determine that you are not cooperating.

(5) If you get TANF or SFA and do not have a good reason for not cooperating with DCS, we reduce your cash benefits by twenty-five percent.

(6) If you are afraid that cooperating with DCS may be dangerous for you or a child in your care, see WAC 388-14A-2045 for a definition of what a good reason to not cooperate with DCS is. We also call this **"good cause."**

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