



**COLORADO**  
**Child Support Services**  
Department of Human Services

## **What is Good Cause for a Child Support Referral?**

- Good Cause may be granted to Colorado Works (CW)/TANF clients who have experienced domestic violence (DV). Good Cause allows for a client's non-participation with Child Support Services (CSS) without losing access to CW/TANF benefits.
- Talk to your county CW/TANF eligibility department regarding what documentation they may require.

## **Reasons Good Cause may be granted to households experiencing DV include, but are not limited to:**

- Potential physical or emotional harm to a child(ren)
- Potential physical or emotional harm to a parent or caretaker relative
- Pregnancy or birth of a child related to incest or forcible rape
- Legal adoption before a court or a parent receiving pre-adoption services
- Reasons considered to be in the best interest of the child
- Other court order
- Other reasons documented by the county department

## **How many times can Good Cause be granted?**

- There is no limit on the number of times Good Cause can be granted
- If Good Cause is necessary, it can be granted
- The need for Good Cause shall be reviewed by CW at least annually
- A client can always ask to have Good Cause removed and be referred to CSS, or they can apply for CSS on their own if they feel it is safe to do so