

23. Assistance shall be given under this sub-title to any dependent child who

(a) Has resided in this State for one year immediately preceding the application for such assistance; or was born within the State within one year immediately preceding the application, and whose mother has resided in the State one year immediately preceding the birth of said child; and

(b) Is living in a suitable family home meeting the standards of care and health, fixed by the laws of this State and any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto and in which home the child's particular religious faith is fostered and protected.

24. The amount of assistance which shall be granted for any dependent child shall be determined by the local units with due regard to the resources and necessary expenditures of the family and the conditions existing in each case and shall be sufficient, when added to all other income and support available to the child, to provide such child with a reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health.

25. Application for assistance under this sub-title shall be made to the local unit in which the dependent child resides. The application shall be in writing or reduced to writing in the manner and upon the form prescribed and shall be verified by the oath of the applicant. The application shall be made by the person having custody of the dependent child and shall contain information as to the age and residence of the child and such other information as may be required. One application may be made for several children of the same family if they reside with the same person.

26. Whenever a local unit receives a notification of the dependency of a child or an application for assistance, an investigation and record shall promptly be made of the circumstances to ascertain the dependency of the child or the facts supporting the application made under this sub-title, and such other information as may be required by the State Department. The investigation shall include a visit to the home of the child, and of the person who will have the custody of the child during the time assistance is granted. Each local unit and the State Department and