**OREGON CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM**

**GLOSSARY**

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| **WORD or TERM** | **DEFINITION** |
| **Absent Parent** | A parent not residing with the child. We generally don’t use this term in the Oregon Child Support Program, but you may find it referenced in other places.  |
| **Abstract** | A summary of a legal document. In the past, abstracts were used by the District Attorneys and the private sector. Currently, Financial Services must have a copy of the entire order to enter order information into Origin. |
| **Acceptance of Service** | A document signed by a party or their attorney acknowledging receipt of a notice to a legal action. |
| **Accessible (Health Care Coverage)** | Private health care coverage that will be available for at least one year, based on the work history of the parent providing the coverage; and either, does not have service area limitations or the child lives within 30 miles or 30 minutes of a primary care provider who is eligible for payment under the coverage. See ORS 25.323(6) |
| **Account** | A demand deposit account, checking or negotiable withdrawal order account, savings account, share draft account, time deposit account, money-market fund account or a claim for insurance benefits or payments of at least $500, not including a claim for property damage, under a liability insurance policy or uninsured motorist policy issued by an insurer that is authorized to do business in this state.See ORS 25.640(1). |
| **Accounting Caseworker** | Obsolete term. Now known as a Financial Services Case Manager. |
| **Accrual** | Sum of support payments that are due or past-due. |
| **Action Needed Task** | A task that is typically a reminder, but not directly mapped to state and federal mandates. |
| **Action Required Task** | A task that is aligned with state and federal mandates or timelines. |
| **Activity** | An action carried out in Origin that may lead to an internal review or record-keeping trail to ensure compliance with federal, state, department, or Oregon Child Support Program requirements. |
| **Activity Log** | A compilation of activity log entries in Origin for a case or participant. The activity log can be filtered and sorted according to a host of criteria to assist in review by the user.  |
| **Activity Log Entry** | An electronic record of case or participant activity documented within Origin. Entries in the activity log can be system- or user-generated. Origin automatically creates pre-defined activity log entries for certain case or participant activities requiring documentation to meet state or federal compliance requirements. This ensures there is an audit, or record-keeping trail, of specific activities carried out in Origin. |
| **Actual Income** | OAR 137-050-0715(2): A parent's gross earnings and income from any source, including those sources listed in section (4), except as provided in section (5). See [OAR 137-050-0715](https://justice.oregon.gov/child-support/pdf/137-050-0715.pdf). |
| **Ad Hoc** | Latin meaning: "for this," for a temporary, special purpose. For example, an ad hoc committee would be a temporary committee and deal only with a special purpose. |
| **Ad Hoc Report** | A report produced on a special basis.  |
| **Address Confidentiality Program** | A program established by the Oregon Department of Justice that protects the confidentiality of the actual address of a victim of domestic violence, sexual offense, or stalking by using an assigned PO box as their mailing address. |
| **Address of Service** | Address where a participant was served in and of a legal action; thereafter used for all other notifications unless changed by the post office, court, or other official notification. Previously Address of Record (AOR) |
| **Adjudicate** | To decide or determine fully. To rule upon judicially. |
| **Adjudication** | The entry of a judgment, decree, or order by a judge or other decision-maker, such as a master or hearing officer, based on the evidence submitted by the parties. |
| **Administration for Children & Families (ACF)** | A federal agency that is the umbrella agency for the Office of Child Support Services and the Office of Family Support. |
| **Administrative Hearing Order** | An administrative order for support issued by an administrative law judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings ([OAH](#OAH)). |
| **Administrative Law** | A delegation of power to a government agency from a legislative body. Legislation provides the broad statutory framework and delegates power to the agency to fill in the details needed to make the law work. |
| **Administrative Law** **Judge (ALJ)** | The person designated by the Office of Administrative Hearings ([OAH)](#OAH) to conduct a contested case hearing.Formerly known as Referee Hearings Officer. |
| **Administrative Procedures Act (APA)** | Establishes requirements for different types of agency action. The APA is designed to protect individual interests and prevent governmental arbitrariness by requiring agencies to provide advance information to affected individuals and to the public, while at the same time accommodating the competing public interest in timely governmental action. Also provides for judicial review of agency actions. |
| **Administrative Process or Procedure** | Method by which support orders are made and enforced by an executive agency rather than by courts and judges. |
| **Administrative Rule** | A statement of policy or procedure made by a state agency to implement and interpret their statutory authority. Because this affects all citizens, notice and an opportunity for public input must be given before a rule can be finalized. A final rule has the force of law.  See [Oregon Administrative Rules](https://sos.oregon.gov/archives/Pages/oregon_administrative_rules.aspx) |
| **Administrator** | Either the Administrator of the Division of Child Support, a District Attorney, or the authorized representative of either, who is empowered to establish, enforce, or modify a support obligation through the administrative process. |
| **Admission** | A confession or acknowledgment of a fact. |
| **Admission of Paternity** | A document that can be signed when an [alleged father](#AllegedFather) wants to declare he is the father. |
| **Adult Child** | A child over the age of 18 and under the age of 21, who is not married or otherwise emancipated, and is not currently a child attending school, as defined in [ORS 107.108](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors107.html) and [OAR 137-055-5110](http://www.oregonchildsupport.gov/laws/rules/docs/055_5110.pdf). |
| **Advance Payment (AVP)** | Obsolete term. A legacy system term for an advance payment that resulted from funds sent to a participant in error. To account for this, the amount sent in error was placed at the end of the case balance to recover the money from the paying parent during the last payments) made prior to case closure. AVPs were converted in Origin to receivables owed by the parent who receives support. |
| **Affiant** | A person who signs an affidavit. When used in the context of a small estate for a deceased individual. See [Claiming Successor](#claimingsuccessor). |
| **Affidavit** | A sworn statement of facts, signed before a notary. |
| **Age of Majority** | The age at which a person attains adulthood. In Oregon, the age of majority is 18. A person who legally marries is also considered to have reached the age of majority. See [ORS 109.520](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors109.html). |
| **Aid to Dependent Children (ADC)** | Obsolete term. See [Temporary Assistance to Needy Families](#TANF) (TANF) |
| **Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)** | Obsolete term. See [Temporary Assistance to Needy Families](#TANF) (TANF). Former entitlement program that made [public assistance](#pa) payments on behalf of children who did not have the financial support of one of their parents by reason of death, disability, or continued absence from the home; known in many states as ADC (Aid to Dependent Children). Replaced with Temporary Aid to Needy Families ([TANF](#TANF)) under the [Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA)](#PRWORA). |
| **Alimony** | See [Spousal Support](#spousalsupport). |
| **Allegation** | An assertion or statement that something happened. |
| **Alleged Father** | The man, or men, named as the possible father of the child for whom an order of [paternity](#paternity) is being sought.a) Multiple Alleged Father (MAF): A scenario where there is more than one alleged father of a child for whom paternity is at issue, and no alleged father is more likely than another.b) Most Likely Multiple Alleged Father (MLMAF): An alleged father, in a list of possible alleged fathers, of a child for whom paternity is at issue. The receiving parent has named the alleged father as more likely than the others to be the child’s biological father.c) Self-Alleged Father (SAF): A man who both (a) Claims that he is, or possibly is, the biological father of a child born out of wedlock as defined in ORS 109.124; and (b) wishes to have paternity legally established for the child, establishing himself as the legal father. |
| **Alleged Father Excluded** | Genetic testing has established that the child's genetic markers received from their biological father do not match the genetic markers of the tested male. |
| **Alleged Father Included** | Genetic testing has established that the child's genetic markers received from their biological father matched the genetic markers of the tested male. |
| **Allocate** | To set apart or earmark. |
| **Allocation** | The determination of how a payment is designated to be applied to each of the paying parent’s cases based on the account balances and the type of debt on each case. |
| **Allotment** | 1) The dollar amount of benefits a food stamp benefit group is entitled to receive in a payment month.2) The amount of military benefits (e.g., housing allotment). |
| **Alternate Payee** | See [Pay-To](#payto) |
| **Annulment** | A legal process that makes a marriage null and void (as if the marriage never occurred). |
| **Appeal** | A request to a higher [tribunal](#tribunal) to review the rulings of a lower tribunal. |
| **Applicant** | One who requests something, such as a person who applies for services. |
| **Apportioned Veterans Benefits** | Amount the [Veterans Administration (VA)](#VA) deducts from the veteran's award and disburses to the child or his or her representative [payee](#Payee). Determined by the VA and is governed by 38 CFR 3.450 through 3.458. |
| **Arbitration** | A settlement of disputes by an impartial outside party who makes binding decisions. |
| **Arrearage or Arrears** | Total support accrued less payments received. Also referred to as past due or unpaid support owed by the parent ordered to pay support. |
| **Asset** | Anything that could reasonably be expected to be of economic benefit. An asset could be a tangible object such as a form of property, or could be intangible such as a trademark, a patent, or the goodwill of customers of a business. Assets are further classified as either income or resources. |
| **Assigned Arrears** | The amount of arrears which accrue while the family receives or received Temporary Assistance to Needy Families ([TANF](#TANF)) or services from Department of Human Services (ODHS) or Child Welfare (CW). |
| **Assignee** | Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS), the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), the Division of Child Support, or equivalent agencies in any other state or Tribe to which support rights for a person are assigned. |
| **Assignment of Judgment** | A formal assignment executed by a judgment [creditor](#creditor) in accordance with statutory formalities, assigning their judgment to a third party ([assignee](#assignee)). |
| **Assignment or Assignment of Support Rights** | A transfer of rights; generally used for ‘assignment of support rights’ which happens when someone receives public assistance. Their support rights are assigned to the state (meaning the state is then entitled to the support for reimbursement of expenditures for services provided). An assignment which includes medical support rights is authorized either:a) By a written authorization signed by a [TANF](#TANF) or OHP applicant or recipient, orb) By operation of law whenever ODHS provides TANF or OHP for any person.  |
| **Assistance** | For the Oregon Child Support Program, the term ‘assistance’ usually refers to [TANF](#TANF) but also includes Child Welfare. See [Public Assistance](#pa).  |
| **At Issue** | Status of a case when a particular point has been alleged by one [party](#Party) and has been denied by another. |
| **Attendee** | A person who is present on a given occasion or at a given place. |
| **Attorney-In-Fact** | Person designated by the principal or party signing a power of attorney document to act on his or her behalf in legal matters. See [ORS 127.005](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors127.html). |
| **Audit** | 1) An administrative computation, performed by an authorized State Disbursement Unit case manager, to determine the correct amount of past-due support a paying parent owes under the court order on a child support case and to whom the money is owed.2) An examination, adjustment, or correction of records and accounts in compliance with federal and state laws, rules, and regulations, and child support program policies and procedures. |
| **Authorized Representative** | An employee who is authorized to sign legal documents on behalf of the support agency handling a case. |
| **Automated Administrative Enforcement of Interstate Cases (AEI)** | The process whereby other states can request that we include a paying parent in our data match with local financial institutions. |
| **Automated Clearing House (ACH) Credit** | An ACH transaction where the customer authorizes the financial institution to automatically deduct and send money to another entity, such as DOJ, directly from their bank account. |
| **Automated Clearing House (ACH) Debit** | An ACH transaction where a customer gives authorization to another entity, such as the Oregon Child Support Program to “draw” or “pull” specific dollar amounts from the customer’s bank account. |
| **Automated Clearing House (ACH) Information** | Automated Clearing House (ACH) Information is used to describe any information provided specifically for the purpose of transmitting a payment electronically through the National Automated Clearing House Association (NACHA). ACH includes all records (paper, digital, images, etc.) that contain an individual's or corporation's personal identifiable and banking information for the purposes of processing electronic payments through the ACH network. Examples of ACH include:* Employer Portal interface containing employer ACH information
* Microfiche, microfilm, or imaged documents with ACH information
* A handwritten note with ACH information
* System reports containing ACH, such as the electronic balancing reports received by Financial Services and Employer Services
* Authorizations for electronic deposit, ReliaCard, EPW, EFT, or Payment Portal
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| **Automated Consumer Disputes Verification (ACDV)** | The program that allows the Oregon Child Support Program to receive and respond to disputes of child support information on credit reports. |
| **Automatic (automated) Activity** | An activity that is automatically initiated or updated within Origin because of batch processing, timeframes, etc. |
| **Automatic Stay** | A protective 'umbrella' which becomes effective on the filing of the [bankruptcy](#bk) petition; prevents [creditors](#creditor) and those with causes of action from proceeding against the [debtor](#debtor) or the [assets](#asset) of the bankruptcy estate without a court granted order of relief from the stay.  |
| **Bailment** | Delivery of property in trust to another for a special purpose and for a limited period. |
| **Balance Regeneration** | Automated process that, based on new or changed data regarding obligations, payments, or public assistance time periods, recalculates financial account balances on a case and identifies how prior collections would have been processed under the new or changed data. |
| **Bankruptcy** | A court process in the federal bankruptcy court whereby a person or corporation may be relieved of their responsibility to pay all or some of their debts. Most child support arrears are not affected by bankruptcy proceedings. Child support orders with current support are not affected by bankruptcy proceedings. Compliance actions may be affected. |
| **Bankruptcy Stay** | See [Automatic Stay](#autostay) |
| **Batch Processing** | Groups of computer programs that are run one after the other without any worker intervention. |
| **Bench Warrant** | An order of a court commanding the sheriff to arrest a person who has disobeyed a previous order or notice to appear. |
| **Beneficiary** | Any child, spouse, or former spouse for whom a [paying parent](#parentwhopayssupport) has been ordered (or has agreed) to pay support, under a court order, an administrative order, or a voluntary agreement. |
| **Breadcrumbs** | A row of links that displays a user’s navigation path, like a file path you would see in Microsoft Windows. |
| **Buccal Swab** | A way to collect genetic material from the cells on the inside of a person’s mouth. |
| **Burden of Proof** | The duty of a party to produce the greater weight of evidence on a point at issue. |
| **Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)** | The federal agency whose role is to partner with Tribes to help them achieve their goals for self-determination while also maintaining its responsibilities under the Federal-Tribal trust and government-to-government relationships. |
| **Calendar Controls** | A feature within Origin accessed by selecting a small calendar icon. Once selected, users can select a date from the displayed calendar, which populates the corresponding field in Origin. |
| **Caption** | The introductory clause of a [pleading](#pleading) which shows the names of the parties, name of the court (if any), county of record, number of the case, and title of the document. |
| **Caretaker** | The person who is the legal guardian of the child or has physical custody, care, control, and supervision of a child. |
| **Case** | A collection of people associated with a specific child support order, court hearing, or request for IV-D services. This typically includes a parent who receives support, a dependent, and parent who pays support, or an alleged father. Every child support case has a unique Case ID number. |
| **Case Level Enforcement Action** | An engagement action that applies to a specific child support case. |
| **Caseload Audit** | Review of caseload activities by employees for evaluation or quality control. |
| **Cash Assistance** | [TANF](#TANF) general assistance, cash assistance, Oregon supplemental income program cash assistance, or supplemental security income (SSI) payments by the Social Security Administration. |
| **Cash Medical Support** | Amount ordered to be paid toward the cost of health care coverage, including premiums, provided by a government sponsored health care program or by another parent through employment or otherwise, and copayments, deductibles, and other medical expenses not covered by a health benefit plan. See [Medical Support](#medicalsupport). |
| **Cash Value** | 1) The amount of cash that could reasonably be expected to be received if an [asset](#asset)were to be disposed of on the open market. See [Fair Market Value](#fairmarketvalue).2) A term used by the insurance industry that refers to the redemption value of a life insurance policy. |
| **Central Authority** | The entity designated by the United States, or a foreign country described in ORS 110.503(5)(d), to perform the functions specified in the Convention. See [ORS 110.645(2)](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors110.html). |
| **Central Registry** | A centralized team, maintained by every State IV-D agency that is responsible for receiving, distributing, and responding to inquiries on intergovernmental IV-D cases. Case Intake serves as the Central Registry for Oregon. |
| **Certificate** | A written assurance or official representation that some act has or has not been done, some event occurred, or some legal formality has been complied with. |
| **Certified Mail** | Mail that must be signed for by the person taking delivery. |
| **Certified True Copy** | A copy of an original document or record that is signed and certified as a true copy by its custodian. |
| **Certify** | To vouch for the accuracy or authenticity of a fact by a signed document. |
| **Challenge** | Contest, object, or disagree. |
| **Challenge to Garnishment (CTG)** | Claim by a paying parent or non-party that assets garnished are exempt from collection or that the amount garnished exceeds the amount owed for past-due support. |
| **Change of Venue** | The removal of a legal action started in one county or district to another county or district. |
| **Chapter 11** | A reorganization [bankruptcy](#bk) generally used by businesses but can be used by individuals and non-business entities.  |
| **Chapter 13** | Commonly called a 'wage earner [bankruptcy](#bk).' Requires an individual with income sufficiently stable and regular to make payments under a plan. |
| **Chapter 7** | A liquidation [bankruptcy](#bk); trustee in bankruptcy gathers the nonexempt assets, if any, of an individual, partnership or corporation ([debtor](#debtor)), converts those [assets](#asset)into cash, and pays [creditors](#creditor) in accordance with the statutory priorities under bankruptcy law. |
| **Child** | The offspring of a person either naturally or legally, including adoptive or stepchildren. |
| **Child Attending School (CAS)** | A child between the ages of 18 and 21 attending school and in compliance with [ORS 107.108](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors107.html). |
| **Child Support** | Financial support owed by a parent to help support a child, or children, of whom they do not have custody. Child support can be entered into voluntarily or ordered by a court or a properly empowered administrative agency, depending on each State's laws. Child support can include medical support.  |
| **Child Support Accounting Unit (CSAU)** | Obsolete term. Now known as Financial Services. Formerly known as Financial Services Central Unit (FSCU). |
| **Child Support Award** | A money award or administrative order that requires the payment of child support. |
| **Child Support Confidential Information** | Information relating to a specified individual who could be identified by reference to one or more pieces of data specific to them. Includes an individual's Social Security number, residential and mailing addresses, employment information, and financial information. All Child Support Confidential Information is designated as confidential under federal law or regulation. |
| **Child Support Enforcement Automated System (CSEAS)** | The legacy system that Origin replaced. It was developed because the Family Support Act required all states to have a fully operational child support system.  |
| **Child Support Enforcement Network (CSENet)** | State-to-state electronic network which transfers detailed information between state’s automated child support enforcement systems. |
| **Child Support Guidelines** | A standard method for setting child support obligations based on the income of the parents and other factors determined by State law. The Family Support Act of 1988 requires States to use guidelines to determine the amount of support for each family, unless they are [rebutted](#rebuttal) by a written finding that applying the guidelines would be inappropriate to the case. Refer to OAR 137-050-0700 to 0765. |
| **Child Support Order** | A judgment or administrative order that creates child support rights and that is entered or issued under ORS 416.400 to 416.465, 419B.400 or 419C.590 or this chapter or ORS chapter 107, 108, 109 or 110. Financial support paid by a parent to help support a child or children. ORS 25.321(2) NOTE: Child support can include medical support.  |
| **Child Welfare** | The Oregon Department of Human Services Division responsible for administration of foster care programs, children’s protective services program, and other related programs - including those operating under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act. Formerly known as State Offices for Services to Children & Families (SCF), and prior to that, Children Services Division (CSD). |
| **Children’s Benefit Unit (CBU)** | The office that provides liaison services for child support cases when children are in ODHS Child Welfare care. |
| **Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)** | Provides low-cost health care coverage to children for families that earn too much money for Medicaid but not enough to buy private health care coverage. In Oregon, this program is administered by the Oregon Health Authority and is part of the Oregon Health Plan. |
| **Circuit Court** | A court of general (unlimited) [jurisdiction](#jurisdiction). Each county has a circuit court. |
| **Civil Action**  | A legal proceeding in which a plaintiff or petitioner seeks money, damages, or possession of property from a defendant or [respondent](#respondent). |
| **Claim** | A right to payment, whether the right is: reduced to a judgment, can be liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured, or unsecured; or right to an equitable remedy for breach of performance if such breach gives rise to a right of payment. |
| **Claim of Risk (COR)** | A claim by a participant that release of information concerning their address, phone, employer, etc., may place them or the child at risk. |
| **Claiming Successor** | Person who has the legal authority to handle a small estate.Also known as [affiant](#affiant). |
| **Class Order** | An order where the monthly amount covers all the children in the order. Removing one child does not change the monthly amount. This order is distinguished from a [per child](#perchildorder) order, which specifies an amount for each child in the order. |
| **Clerk of the Court** | See [Court Administrator](#courtadministrator).  |
| **Closure** | 1) To cease enforcement of a child support case.2) The administrative process by the [bankruptcy](#bk) court of completing a bankruptcy case. |
| **Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)** | A codification of the general and permanent rules published in the Federal Register by the Executive departments and agencies of the federal Government. The Code is divided into 50 titles which represent broad areas subject to federal regulation. Each title is divided into chapters which usually bear the name of the issuing agency. Each chapter is further subdivided into parts covering specific regulatory areas. Title 45 addresses Public Welfare. |
| **Collection** | Actions related to monitoring payment activities and processing cash flow. |
| **Combined Paternity Index (CPI)** | A numerical value assigned to indicate the probability of a tested male being the biological father of a tested child. |
| **Complainant** | Also referred to as [plaintiff](#plaintiff) or [petitioner](#petitioner).A person who initiates court action against another.  |
| **Complaint** | The initial [pleading](#pleading) by which the [plaintiff](#plaintiff) initiates a lawsuit (civil or criminal), and in which is stated the cause of action and claim for relief. |
| **Conditionally Assigned Arrears (CAA)** | Arrears that were temporarily assigned to the state while assistance was open and remain assigned to the state for federal tax offset collection only, and only up to the amount of unreimbursed assistance (URA) for all associated grants. Collections on CAA from other payment sources are paid to the parent/person receiving support. Also referred to as [Family's Conditionally Assigned Arrears](#FCAA). See OAR 137-055-6010. |
| **Conformed Copy** | An exact copy of a document filed with a court. |
| **Consent Order** | A judgment or order where the provisions and terms are settled and agreed to by the parties to the action. |
| **Consent Agreement** | Voluntary written admission of paternity or responsibility for child support.  |
| **Conservator** | A person who is legally assigned to be responsible for issues of property for another person. |
| **Consumer Credit Protection Act (CCPA)** | Federal law that limits the amount that may be withheld from earnings to satisfy child support obligations. States can set their own limits provided they do not exceed the federal limits. Regardless of the number of withholding orders that have been served, the maximum that may be withheld for child support is:**Without arrearage**50% with a second family60% Single**With Arrearage**55% with a second family and 12+ weeks in arrears65% Single 12+ weeks in arrears |
| **Consumer Report** | A listing of a person's monetary obligations and payment history provided by a consumer reporting agency. Also known as a credit report. |
| **Consumer Reporting Agency** | Any person or corporation who regularly engages (in whole or in part) in the practice of assembling or evaluating consumer credit information or other information on consumers for the purpose of furnishing consumer reports to third parties. Such an agency uses any means or facility of interstate commerce for the purpose of preparing or furnishing consumer reports, in exchange for monetary fees or dues, or on a cooperative non-profit basis. |
| **Contact Address**  | An address provided by a party to the administrator during a child support or paternity case that may be an address other than the party's home address but is the address where the party wants to receive legal papers. This address may be released in writing to other parties during the pendency of a legal action and will be used on all legal documents. |
| **Contempt** | 1) To disobey an order of the court.2) A process where the court may find that a person is in willful defiance or disrespect of the court or a support order of the court.  |
| **Contested Case** | A case before any agency where parties are entitled to appear and be heard before an agency determination is made. |
| **Contested Case Notice** | The notice sent to all [parties](#Party) in an action advising of the following:a) What the agency intends to do (e.g., enter a support order),b) The party’s right to a [hearing](#hearing) or the time and place of a hearing,c) The authority and [jurisdiction](#jurisdiction) under which a hearing is to be held, andd) A reference to particular statutes and rules pertaining to the statement of matters asserted or charged |
| **Contingency Order** | An order which is billed only if the child is residing in a state financed institution or shelter care.  |
| **Continuance** | The continuing of an action or [hearing](#hearing) when part of the action or hearing has already happened. See postponement. |
| **Continuation of Service (COS)** | Child support services which automatically continue after a family’s public assistance grant closes. The program provides services for as long as the case remains open. |
| **Continuing Exclusive Jurisdiction (CEJ)** | The doctrine that only one tribunal has [jurisdiction](#jurisdiction) to modify an order for support. The doctrine that only one support order should be effective and enforceable between the same parties at any one time, and that when a particular court has acquired jurisdiction to determine child support and custody, it retains authority to amend and modify its orders therein. Defined in the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA). |
| **Controlling Order** | The one order that must be used by all states and Tribes for enforcement and [modification](#modification) actions from the present time forward. It is the one order allowed to accrue current support and is usually the CEJ order, but not always.  |
| **Controlling Order State** | The state that issued the controlling order. |
| **Controlling Terms** | The terms of a child support judgment that provide for past or current monetary support, or for health care coverage for the benefit of the child that are entitled to prospective enforcement. |
| **Convention** | See Hague Convention. |
| **Convention Country** | A country that has ratified the Hague Convention. Also known as a treaty country. |
| **Conversion** | 1. The process of moving legacy data from [CSEAS](#CSEAS) into the Origin system.
2. A process by which a [bankruptcy](#bk) case changes from one filed under a particular chapter of the bankruptcy law to another chapter of bankruptcy; (e.g., conversion of a Chapter 13 reorganization to a Chapter 7 liquidation). Follow appropriate procedures for the new chapter.
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| **Cooperation** | As a condition of [TANF](#TANF) eligibility, the recipient is required to cooperate with the child support agency in identifying and locating the absent parent, establishing paternity, or obtaining child support payments.  |
| **Cooperative Agreement** | A contract between government agencies to provide services. |
| **Corroboration/Corroborating Evidence** | Evidence given to support and strengthen a [party’s](#Party) testimony or affidavit (e.g., [genetic test](#GeneticTest) results). |
| **Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)** | A periodic increase in the amount of benefits issued by an organization. The increase is intended to compensate for economic inflation and the resultant increase in the cost of living. |
| **Court Administrator** | The person who is responsible for administering the court’s ministerial (administrative) functions. |
| **Court Case Level Enforcement Action** | Action that applies to all child support cases associated with a court case (e.g., [Income Withholding Order](#IWO)). |
| **Court Number/(Docket) Entry Number** | The individual number under which the legal proceeding is filed in court. |
| **Court Order** | A legally binding edict issued by a court of law. Issued by a magistrate, judge, or properly empowered administrative officer. A court order related to child support can dictate how often, how much, what kind of support a parent is to pay, how long he or she is to pay it, and whether an employer must withhold support from their wages.  |
| **Court Ordered Amount (COA)** | The periodic payment amount, usually monthly, ordered by an administrative process or by a court for support or alimony.  |
| **Credit Balance** | This can occur when payments received on a support account exceed all amounts owed by the paying parent for ongoing and past-due support. |
| **Credit Report** | See [consumer report](#consumerreport). |
| **Creditor** | Someone to whom money is owed. A judgment creditor is listed on the money award. |
| **Creditor's Claim** | A claim filed against a deceased person’s estate. Also known as a judgment creditor’s claim. |
| **Current Support Due** | The support amount ordered by a court or administrative process for the benefit of a child or former spouse. Each support account with an ordered amount will carry a running balance of the amount due for the current month. If that amount is not paid during the month, it is moved to one of the arrears categories at the beginning of the next month. |
| **Custodial Parent or Party (CP)** | A person who has primary care, physical custody, and control of a child. They may or may not have court ordered custody. Also known as the parent who receives support, or obligee.  |
| **Custody Determination** | A judgment or other order of a court providing for custody or visitation (parenting time) of a child, includes permanent and temporary orders, and initial orders and modifications. |
| **Custody Order** | Legally binding determination that establishes with whom a child shall live. The meaning of different types of custody terms (e.g., Joint Custody, Shared Custody, Split Custody) vary from state to state.  |
| **Dashboard** | A tool within Origin that gives a current summary of key information related to case management and performance. |
| **Data Exchange Partners** | Agency or organization that interfaces with Origin and contributes or receives data. |
| **Data Refresh** | The process of replacing the existing data in the target database with fresh data taken from a source database. |
| **De Novo** | Latin for 'anew.' Refers to a new [hearing](#hearing) where the court decides an issue without deference to a previous court’s decision. |
| **De Novo Review** | A judicial review of a case based on existing circumstances which may or may not include review of prior decision made by any other authority. |
| **Debt** | Money that is owed. For the purposes of the Oregon Child Support Program, there are three kinds of debt:1. Child or spousal support debt (money owed to families)
2. [State debt](#statedebt) (money owed to the state)
3. Receivable debt
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| **Debtor** | Someone who owes money. |
| **Decedent** | A deceased person. |
| **Decree** | The judicial decision of a [litigated](#litigate) action, usually in "equitable" cases such as divorce (as opposed to cases in law in which judgments are entered). |
| **Decree of Emancipation** | The juvenile court in its discretion may enter a decree of emancipation where the minor is at least 16 years of age, and the court finds that the best interest of the minor will be served by emancipation. |
| **Default** | The failure of a defendant or [respondent](#respondent) to file an answer or appear in a civil case within the prescribed time after having been properly served with a summons and [complaint](#complaint). |
| **Default Order** | An order entered when the [defendant](#defendant)/[respondent](#respondent) fails to appear at the trial or [hearing](#hearing) or fails to provide an answer to the court or administrative process, after having been properly served with a summons or order to show cause or an administrative notice, motion, or proposed order. |
| **Defendant** | A person against whom a legal action is started. Also known as [Respondent](#respondent). |
| **Delinquent/Delinquency** | Owing past-due support payments. |
| **Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)** | Federal agency that is the umbrella agency that includes 12 agencies, including the Administration for Children and Families and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. |
| **Dependent, Dependent Child** | A child who is under the care of someone else. Most children who are eligible to receive child support must be a dependent. The child ceases to be a dependent when they reach the "age of emancipation" as determined by state law.  |
| **Deployed/Deployment** | Military service in compliance with written orders received by an active duty or reserve member of the Armed Forces of the United States, National Guard, or other reserve component to report for combat operations, contingency operations, peacekeeping operations, temporary duty, a remote tour of duty, or other active military service. |
| **Deposition** | The sworn testimony of a witness taken before a trial, reduced to writing, and intended to be used at the trial.  A deposition may be used to discover evidence or obtain the testimony of someone who will not be available at trial. |
| **Designating an Auxiliary Court** | A transfer of a judgment to another [jurisdiction](#jurisdiction). Used only when all parties reside in a different county than the order county, and a court appearance is required. |
| **Determination of Controlling Order (DCO)** | A determination identifying a single controlling order that will be entitled to prospective enforcement in this and every other state. Formerly known as Controlling Order Determination (COD) |
| **Direct Income Withholding (DIW)** | The process of sending an income withholding order directly to the out of state employer of a parent who pays support. Also known as an interstate income withholding.  |
| **Direct Payment** | A support payment from a paying parent  sent directly to a parent receiving support rather than through DOJ. |
| **Direct Request** | A petition filed by an individual in a court of this state in a proceeding involving a parent receiving support, paying parent, or child residing outside the United States.  |
| **Disbursement** | The portion of the distributed funds that should be paid out to the appropriate participant or [payee](#Payee). |
| **Discharge (**[**Bankruptcy**](#bk)**)** | The finding by the court that the [debtor](http://childsupportcentral/manuals/miscellaneous/glossary.htm#debtor) is relieved from personal liability for all debts which are not statutory exceptions to such relief from personal liability. Exceptions to discharge depend on the chapter under which the debtor has filed. Child support is excepted from discharge, but a receivable is not. |
| **Discovery** | Also known as 'upfront' discovery.1) The process of obtaining information or documents from a party in a lawsuit.2) Investigative work done to locate [assets](http://childsupportcentral/manuals/miscellaneous/glossary.htm#asset) or other information on a case. |
| **Dishonored Payment** | A payment submitted by check or ACH Debit (EPW) returned because it was not honored by the bank. This could be for a variety of reasons, including insufficient funds, closed account, invalid account, etc. |
| **Dishonored Payment Recovery Account** | An account created in Origin to track and collect a dishonored payment. |
| **Dishonored Recovery** | The process of collecting a debt that is due as the result of a dishonored payment. |
| **Dismiss/Dismissal with Prejudice** | A court order finally and completely terminating a case. No new court proceeding may be brought concerning the issues in the case. |
| **Dismiss/Dismissal without Prejudice** | A court order terminating a particular case. However, a new lawsuit may be started concerning the same issues in the future. |
| **Dismissal** | 1) An order by the [bankruptcy](#bk) court eliminating the bankruptcy case prior to completion of the case; effect of dismissal is that the case is treated as never having been filed for most purposes; may occur because of a failure by the debtor to file the necessary documents or make payments.2) An order ending a legal action. Can be with prejudice or [without prejudice](http://childsupportcentral/manuals/miscellaneous/glossary.htm#disw/prej). |
| **Disposable Earnings/Income** | The amount of an individual’s earnings remaining after the deduction of those amounts required by law to be paid. Normally these deductions include state and federal taxes. |
| **Disposition** | The court's decision about a dispute that is before it. |
| **Dissolution** | See decree. |
| **Distribution** | The application of child support collected to the various types of debt (e.g., cash child support, cash medical support, spousal support) and categories of support [e.g., never assigned arrears (NAA), [permanently assigned arrears (PAA)](#PAA)] within a child support case, by priority as specified in 45 CFR 302.51. |
| **District Attorney (DA)** | A District Attorney is elected in each of Oregon's 36 counties. In Oregon counties where the DA’s office has elected to provide child support services, they are responsible for providing support enforcement services, when requested, on all support cases where support rights are not assigned. |
| **Division of Child Support** | Oregon Department of Justice division that is responsible for establishing paternity, and for establishing and enforcing support obligations, on behalf of all children who:a) Are receiving TANF or who have received unreimbursed TANF in Oregon, orb) Are receiving TANF or who have received unreimbursed TANF in another state, and the paying parent or alleged father resides or works in Oregon.c) Have received no unreimbursed TANF but are under the enforcement [jurisdiction](#jurisdiction) of an Oregon county where the Division of Child Support has assumed the functions of the county District Attorney. |
| **Docket/Entry** | 1) To file with the circuit court.2) A schedule of court cases.3) The record or records of a court, specifically the judgment entry, trial entry, lien entry, etc. |
| **Due Process** | The conduct of legal proceedings according to established rules and principles for the protection and enforcement of private rights, including notice and the right to a fair [hearing](#hearing) before a [tribunal](#tribunal) with the power to decide the case. |
| **Earned Income** | Income received by a person in exchange for service, labor, or performance through employment or from self-employment. See[Unearned Income](#unearnedincome). |
| **Earned Income Credit (EIC)** | A tax credit for lower income taxpayers who work and have earned income.  |
| **Effective Date** | New orders:  The date the order specifies that current support first accrues. For a Notice of Financial Responsibility, this will be the first day of the month in which the order is signed.Modified orders:  The date on which the terms of the new order supersede the terms of the old order. A [modification](#modification) may be effective no earlier than the date of service but may be effective after the date of service. For program orders, this will be the first of the month following service on the last non-requesting party.  |
| **Electronic Case File (ECF)** | Official court electronic document filing system for federal courts. |
| **Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)** | Process by which information regarding an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) transaction is transmitted electronically along with the EFT funds transfer. |
| **Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)** | Process by which money is transmitted electronically from one bank account to another. |
| **Electronic Payment Withdrawal (EPW)** | An optional payment method that includes electronic funds transfer (EFT) from a payor’s bank account to the Department of Justice. |
| **Electronic Reversal** | A payment reversed by the issuer through the Automated Clearing House (ACH) process. |
| **Emancipate** | To legally release a child from parental care and control. |
| **Emancipated Minor** | A person under the age of 18 who has been determined to be self-supporting and able to act on their own behalf by a court of law. |
| **Emancipation** | A legal proceeding to determine whether a minor will be treated as an adult for legal purposes. |
| **Employed Person** | Someone who receives compensation for performing a job. |
| **Employee Health Benefit Plan** | A health care plan available to a providing party through the party’s employer. |
| **Employer Sanction** | A legal action sought against an employer that is not complying with an order to withhold income. |
| **Enforced Intercept (ENI)** | A process for the state to attach federal income tax refunds to recover child support arrears. |
| **Enforcement** | The application of remedies to obtain payment of a child or medical support obligation contained in a child or spousal support order. Examples of remedies includes garnishment of wages, seizure of assets, liens placed on assets, revocation of license (e.g., drivers, business, medical, etc.), denial of US passports, etc. |
| **Enforcing Agency** | The administrator of a program. In Oregon, the Division of Child Support is the enforcing agency for the Oregon Child Support Program. |
| **Enroll** | To be eligible for and covered by a health benefit plan. |
| **Equity** | 1) The value of an asset beyond any amount that is owed toward its purchase or other financial liability, such as a lien due to its use as collateral for a loan.2) Equity refers to the attempts of the court to do 'justice', or what is fair, between the parties to a case. |
| **Escheatment** | Process of turning over unclaimed or abandoned property to a state authority, including stale dated checks. |
| **Establishment** | The process of proving paternity or obtaining a court or administrative order to put a child support obligation in place.  |
| **Estate** | The assets and liabilities left by a person at death. |
| **Et Al.** | Latin for “and others.” Generally seen in captions as a way of including all parties without specifically naming them. (Except the initial pleading which must list all parties.) |
| **Ex Parte** | Done for, on behalf of, or on the application of one party only. |
| **Ex Parte Communication** | Written or verbal communication by one party in an action with the decision maker without notice or participation by any other party. |
| **Exception to Policy** | A term used to indicate that circumstances justify approval of a deviation from normal policy by an authorized employee to meet the intent of the agency. |
| **Execution** | Also known as a Writ of Execution. An administrative order issued through a court, directing a sheriff or other officer to seize the property of a debtor in order to satisfy the judgment. |
| **Exemplified Copy** | An official transcript of a document from public records made in a form to be used as evidence and authenticated as a true copy. Generally used in interstate actions. Exemplified documents have a stamp signed by the judge AND a stamp signed by the court clerk. |
| **Exemplified Judgment** | Also called Triple Certificate Judgment. A copy of a judgment containing certificates of both the clerk and the judge of the court. Typically, the clerk certifies the judgment, the judge certifies that the clerk is the clerk, and the clerk certifies that the judge is the judge. |
| **Expedited Process** | The processes which increase effectiveness and meet establishment or enforcement of support orders processing times in intrastate and interstate cases. In Oregon, the expedited process is the administrative process. |
| **Expiration of Judgment (EOJ)** | A law that limits the period within which a judgment may be enforced. See ORS 18.180 to 18.192 and OAR 137-055-4455. |
| **Extraordinary Enforcement Activities** | Actions used to gain compliance with a court order when all other appropriate enforcement resources have been exhausted. |
| **Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA)** | A federal act regulating credit reporting as found under [15 USC 1681](http://www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/15/1681.html). |
| **Fair Market Value** | The reasonably expected amount in cash that an object is worth on the open market, typically as estimated by an authoritative source such as the National Automobile Dealers (NADA), a real estate professional, etc. |
| **Family Support Act of 1988** | Law passed in 1988 with two major mandates: Immediate Wage Withholding, unless courts find that there is good cause not to require such withholding, or there is a written agreement between both parties requiring an alternative arrangement; and Guidelines for Child Support Award Amounts, which requires states to use guidelines to determine the amount of support for each family, unless they are [rebutted](#rebuttal) by a written finding that applying the guidelines would be inappropriate to the case.  |
| **Family Violence Indicator (FVI)** | A designation that resides in the Federal Case Registry (FCR), placed on a participant in a case or order by a state that indicates a person is associated with child abuse or domestic violence. It is used to prevent disclosure of the location of a parent receiving support or a child believed by a state or Tribe to be at risk of family violence. |
| **Family's Conditionally Assigned Arrears** | The past-due support that accrued during non-assistance periods and was not permanently assigned under pre-October 1997 assignments, which reverted back to the family on either October 1, 2000, if the family terminated public assistance prior to October 1, 2000, or on the date the family leaves the assistance program if the date is on or after October 1, 2000.* The family's conditionally assigned arrears reverted to the state's temporarily assigned [arrears](#Arrears) during periods that the family opens a Department of Human Services Child Welfare (DHS/CW) or Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) grant.
* From October 1, 2000 through September 30, 2009, the family's conditionally-assigned arrears reverted to the state's temporarily-assigned arrears during periods that the family opened a TANF grant.
* Beginning October 1, 2009, the family's conditionally assigned arrears are no longer temporarily assigned to the state during periods the family opens a [TANF](#TANF) grant.
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| **Family's Unassigned Arrears** | The past-due support which accrues after the family's most recent period of [public assistance](#pa) has ended or at any time in the case where a family has never received assistance |
| **Family's Unassigned Arrears During Assistance Period** | The past-due support amount that accumulates while a family receives [public assistance](#pa) and exceeds the total amount of unreimbursed assistance paid to the family. |
| **Federal Case Registry (FCR)** | A national database of information on individuals in all IV-D cases and all non–IV-D orders entered or modified on or after October 1, 1998. The FCR receives this case information daily from the State Case Registry (SCR) located in every state and pro-actively matches it with previous submissions to the FCR and with employment information contained in the National Directory of New Hires (NDNH). Any successful matches are returned to the appropriate states for processing. The FCR and the NDNH are both part of the expanded FPLS maintained by [OCSS](#OCSS).  |
| **Federal Financial Participation (FFP)** | The financial cost sharing or matching rate expenditure by the federal government for approved state services and activities. |
| **Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS)** | A unique five-digit code that identifies the child support jurisdiction, (e.g., states, counties, central state registries). Also known as a Locator Code. |
| **Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA)** | A federal law requiring employers to withhold and match a percentage of wages paid to employees. The employer pays the funds to the Social Security Administration. These funds are used to pay Social Security Benefits. |
| **Federal Minimum Hourly Wage (FMW)** | The minimum hourly wage required to be paid to employees in certain occupations under federal law. States can set higher minimum wage rates. |
| **Federal Parent Locator Service (FPLS)** **Information** | The Federal Parent Locator Service (FPLS) is a national computer matching system operated by the federal Office of Child Support Services ([OCSS](#OCSS)).  |
| **Federal Tax Information (FTI)** | FTI is any return or return information received from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or secondary source, such as Social Security Administration (SSA), federal Office of Child Support Enforcement or Bureau of Fiscal Service. This includes any documents or information derived from the return information. See [Regulated Data Security Standards Overview](https://origin.oregonchildsupport.gov/OriginHelp/index.htm#t=Procedures%2FCase_Management%2FRegulatedDataSecurityStandardsOverview.htm).  |
| **Federal Tax Refund Offset Program** | Program that collects past-due child support amounts from paying parents through the interception of their federal income tax refund, or an administrative payment, such as federal retirement benefits. This program also incorporates the Passport Denial Program, which denies US passports at the time of application when the applicant’s child support debts exceed $2,500. The cooperation of states in the submittal of cases for tax interception is mandatory, while submittal of cases for administrative interception is optional. The Federal Tax Refund Offset Program is operated in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service, the US Department of Treasury’s Financial Management Service (FMS), the US Department of State, and IV-D agencies. |
| [**Fee Accounts**](http://childsupportcentral/training/online_screens/SMFA.htm) | Accounts established to document fee charges and collections. The two general fee account types are as follows:* Case Fee- Fees for which charges are established before collections are made, these include IRS full collection fees.
* Receipt Fee- Fees collected from the receipt of a payment. They are only charged and collected when a payment is received. These include federal and state tax offset fees, other-state fees, and application fees.
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| **File Credit** | Method to give credit to a case for a reason other than satisfaction, receipt of payment, and case adjustments using a non-cash credit. |
| **Filiation** | Generally used to describe a type of proceeding where the paternity of a child is established. |
| **Financial Debtor's Examination** | Obsolete term. See Examination of Obligor's Financial Circumstance. |
| **Financial Institution** | Insured banks, savings & loans, extra-national institutions, credit unions, and federal credit unions.   |
| **Financial Institution Data Match (FIDM)** | Process created by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996 by which parents who are [delinquent](#delinquent) in their child support payments are matched with accounts held in financial institutions doing business in more than one state.  |
| **Financial Instrument** | Any check, money order, cash receipt, or foreign check sent to the Oregon Child Support Program to be applied to a child support case. |
| **Financial Transaction** | Any payments received in a single envelope. |
| **Findings** | What the [tribunal](#tribunal) determines to be the facts of the case. |
| **Footer** | A fixed region at the bottom of Origin pages with links to resources, help and support, and other useful websites. |
| **Foreign Country** | A country, or a political subdivision of a country, other than the United States, that authorizes the issuance of support orders and:* Has been declared under the law of the United States to be a foreign reciprocating country (FRC);
* Has established a reciprocal agreement for child support with this state as provided in ORS 110.563;
* Has enacted a law or established procedures for the issuance and enforcement of support orders that are substantially similar to the procedures under this chapter; or
* In which the Convention is in force with respect to the United States.
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| **Foreign Judgment** | A judgment of another country. Formerly used to describe a judgment of another state or country. See [Other Jurisdiction's Order/Judgment](#otherjurisdictionsorder). |
| **Foreign Order** | An order of another country. Formerly used to describe a judgment of another state or country. See [Other Jurisdiction's Order/Judgment](#otherjurisdictionsorder). |
| **Foreign Support Agreement** | An agreement for support in a record that:* Is enforceable as a support order in the country of origin
* Has been formally drawn up or registered as an authentic instrument by a foreign tribunal; or authenticated by, or concluded, registered, or filed with a foreign tribunal; and
* May be reviewed and modified by a foreign tribunal; and
* A maintenance arrangement or authentic instrument under the Convention.

See [ORS 110.645(5)](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors110.html). |
| **Foreign Tribunal** | A court, administrative agency or quasi-judicial entity of a foreign country that is authorized to establish, enforce, or modify support orders or to determine parentage of a child. Includes a competent authority under the Hague Convention. |
| **Forum** | The place where a legal proceeding is resolved. |
| **Foster Care** | A federal-state program which provides financial support to a person, family, or institution that is raising a child or children that are not their own.  |
| **Full Collection Service** | Also known as IRS Full Collection.The process by which a IV-D program may request the Secretary to certify any child support obligation to the Secretary of the United States Treasury, for collection under Section 6305 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. Oregon does not participate in this process.  |
| **Full Faith and Credit** | Doctrine under which a state must honor an order or judgment entered in another state. |
| **Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act (FFCCSOA)** | Law effective October 20, 1994, which requires states to enforce child support orders made by other states if: the issuing state’s tribunal had subject matter [jurisdiction](#jurisdiction) to hear and resolve the matter and enter an order; the issuing state’s tribunal had personal jurisdiction over the parties; and reasonable notice and the opportunity to be heard was given to the parties. FFCCSOA also limits a state’s ability to modify another states’ child support orders in instances when: the state tribunal seeking to modify the order has jurisdiction to do so; and, the tribunal that originally issued the order no longer has continuing, exclusive jurisdiction over the order either because the child and the parties to the case are no longer residents of the issuing state, or the parties to the case have filed written consent to transfer continuing exclusive jurisdiction to be transferred to the tribunal seeking to make the [modification](#modification). Unlike the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA), FFCCSOA does not amend Title IV-D of the Social Security Act and thus does not directly change IV-D program requirements but affects interstate case processing. Codified as 28 USC §1738B. |
| **Future Support** | An amount received which represents payment for current support for future months. |
| **Garnishee** | Person to whom a Writ of Garnishment has been delivered. The person or institution that holds funds for a participant (e.g., a bank or credit union). |
| **Garnisher** | Creditor, if the writ is issued by the clerk of the court on behalf of the creditor; or the issuer, if the writ is issued by any person other than that of the clerk of the court. The Oregon Child Support Program is the garnisher when issuing garnishments to financial institutions. |
| **Garnishment** | A legal proceeding under which a creditor acquires garnishable property of a debtor that is in the possession, control, or custody of a person other than the debtor. |
| **General Judgment** | Judgment entered by a court that decides all claims in the action. |
| **Genetic Test** | Analysis of inherited factors to determine legal fatherhood or paternity. Also known as a parentage or paternity test.  |
| **Good Cause** | A legal reason for which a participant is excused from cooperating with the child support enforcement process, such as past physical harm by the child’s noncustodial parent. It also includes situations where rape or incest resulted in the conception of the child and situations where the mother is considering placing the child for adoption.  |
| **Governing Child Support Judgment (GCSJ)** | A child support judgment issued in this state that addresses child support, including medical support as defined in [ORS 25.321](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors025.html), and is entitled to exclusive prospective enforcement or modification with respect to any earlier child support judgment issued in this state. |
| **Governing Child Support Order (GCSO)** | An administrative order issued to identify which child support order should be enforced. If a governing support proceeding is appropriate, it is presumed under ORS 25.091(4) that the terms of the last-issued child support judgment are the controlling terms and supersede contrary terms of each earlier-issued child support judgment. If an earlier issued judgment contains a specific type of support and the last issued judgment is silent regarding that type of support, the requirement of the earlier judgment continues. A proposed governing child support order can be issued under ORS 416.448 if the presumption can be applied. |
| **Grant or Grant Amount** | See Public Assistance.  |
| **Green Card** | Certified mail return receipt card. |
| **Gross Income** | The sum of an individual’s earnings before any deductions or taxes are subtracted. The gross income of a parent is used in the support calculation pursuant to OAR 137-050-0715. |
| **Guardian** | See Conservator. A person who is legally assigned the power and duty of taking care of another person when that person is found to be incapable of self-care or is a minor.  |
| **Guardian ad Litem (GAL)** | A person appointed by the court to act on behalf of a minor or incapacitated person during a legal proceeding.  Among other reasons, a GAL will be appointed in our work when the state is pursuing paternity or support from one or both parties who are minors. |
| **Guidelines** | See [Child Support Guidelines](#childsupportguidelines).  |
| **Hague Convention** | The Hague Convention on the International Recovery of Child Support and Other Forms of Family Maintenance, concluded at the Hague on November 23, 2007. Also referred to as the Hague Maintenance Convention or the Hague Child Support Convention. |
| **Header** | A fixed region at the top of Origin pages, consisting of a header menu, a quick search feature, and a user settings menu. |
| **Header Menu** | A set of links in the navigation region that points to common Origin actions.  |
| **Health Benefit Plan** | Any policy or contract of insurance, indemnity, subscription, or membership issued by an insurer, including health care coverage provided by a public body, and any self-insured employee benefit plan that provides coverage for medical expenses. |
| **Health Care Coverage (HCC)** | Providing and paying for the medical needs of oneself or a [dependent](#dependent) through a policy or contract of insurance, indemnity, subscription, or membership issued by an insurer, including medical assistance provided by a public body, and any self-insured employee benefit plan that provides coverage for medical expenses. See [ORS 25.321(6)](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors025.html). |
| **Health Insurance** | See Medical Support Order. |
| **Hearing** | A legal proceeding or trial. |
| **Hearings Officer** | Also known as an [Administrative Law Judge (ALJ)](#alj). The person designated by the [Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH)](#OAH) to conduct a contested case [hearing](#hearing).  |
| **Heir-at-law** | A person who inherits money or property or who will naturally inherit property if someone dies without making a will. An heir recognized by law. |
| **Higher Standard of Service** | Service of documents by methods above the legal requirements. |
| **Home State** | The state or foreign country in which a child lived with a parent or a person acting as a parent for at least six consecutive months immediately preceding the time of filing of a petition or comparable pleading for support; and, if the child is less than six months old, the state or foreign country in which the child lived from birth with a parent or person acting as a parent. A period of temporary absence of the child, parent, or person acting as parent is counted as part of the six-month or other period. |
| **Homepage** | The main page users see after logging in to Origin. Fields include upcoming tasks, event overview, and announcements. |
| **Household** | All the people normally considered to be living together, with or without benefit of a dwelling. |
| **I want to... menu** | A set of links in the left navigation region that points to common Origin actions. |
| **Immediate Enforcement Activities** | Activities used to initially enforce court-ordered support obligations whether the account is in arrears (e.g., Income Withholding Order). |
| **Imputed Income** | Income assigned by a court, administrator, or administrative law judge when an individual's actual income is unknown or cannot be used. |
| **In Loco Parentis** | Acting in the parent’s stead; generally seen in juvenile dependency cases, where the court stands 'in loco parentis' regarding the child in state care. |
| **Income Withholding Order (IWO)** | Federal form ordering an employer to withhold support payments and remit them to a State Disbursement Unit. Formerly known as Automatic Order to Withhold (AOW). |
| **Individual Retirement Account (IRA)** | A pension account established and maintained by an individual, as opposed to one related to a person’s employment. |
| **Initiating Jurisdiction (IJAD)(IJ)** | The [jurisdiction](#jurisdiction) which sends a request for action to another jurisdiction in intergovernmental child support cases.  |
| **Initiating Reciprocal (IR)** | A UIFSA support action sent or transmitted from the [jurisdiction](#jurisdiction) where one party lives, to the jurisdiction where the other party lives. |
| **Initiating Tribunal** | The tribunal of a state or foreign country that issues a support order or a judgment determining parentage of a child. |
| **Interagency Agreement** | A contract between government agencies to provide services. |
| **Intercept** | A method of securing child support by taking a portion of non-wage payments made to a paying parent. Non-wage payments subject to interception include federal tax refunds, state tax refunds, unemployment benefits, and disability benefits.  |
| **Intergovernmental IV-D Case** | A IV-D case in which the paying parent lives or works in a different [jurisdiction](#jurisdiction) than the receiving parent and child that has been referred by an [initiating jurisdiction](#initiatingjurisdiction) to a responding jurisdiction for services. May include any combination of referrals between states, Tribes, and countries.  |
| **Interrogatory** | Written questions to obtain information relevant to the legal issues in a contested case. Generally used in paternity cases to obtain answers from a doctor or in financial disclosure examinations to obtain answers about [assets](#asset) from a [paying parent](#parentwhopayssupport). |
| **Intestate, Intestacy** | Of or relating to a person who has died without a valid will. |
| **Involuntary Bankruptcy** | A [bankruptcy](#bk) proceeding begun by [creditors](#creditor) of a [debtor](#debtor) without the debtor's consent. |
| **Issue Date** | The date on which the administrative order or court judgment was entered in the court register, or the date on which the order approving administrative [modification](#modification) of a judicial order was entered in the court register. |
| **Issuing Foreign Country** | The foreign country in which a tribunal issues a support order or a judgment determining parentage of a child. |
| **Issuing State** | The state in which a tribunal issues a support order or a judgment determining parentage of a child. |
| **Issuing Tribunal** | The tribunal of a state or foreign country that issues a support order or a judgment determining parentage of a child. |
| **IV-A case** | A case referred to the Oregon Child Support Program because the parent who receives support is receiving public assistance (TANF). |
| **IV-A; "Four-A"** | Reference to Title IV, Part A of the Social Security Act that pertains to block grants for Temporary Assistance for Families. Applicants for assistance from IV-A programs are automatically referred to their state's IV-D agency in order to identify and locate the noncustodial parent, establish paternity, establish a child support order, or obtain child support payments. |
| **IV-B; "Four-B"** | Reference to Title IV, Part B of the Social Security Act that pertains to the administration of child protective services program. |
| **IV-D Agency** | Agency that exists in every state that locates non-custodial parents (NCPs) or putative fathers (PF), establishes, enforces, and modifies child support, and collects and distributes child support money. Operated by State or local government according to the Child Support Enforcement Program guidelines as set forth in Title IV-D of the Social Security Act. |
| **IV-D case** | Case where services are being provided by the Oregon Child Support Program as the result of an application, referral, or intergovernmental request. |
| **IV-D; "Four-D"** | Reference to Title IV, Part D of the Social Security Act, which requires each state create a program to locate noncustodial parents, establish paternity, establish, and enforce child support obligations, and collect and distribute support payments. |
| **IV-E case** | Case referred to the Oregon Child Support Program because the child is in federally funded state foster care. |
| **IV-E; "Four-E"** | See [Foster Care](#FosterCare). Reference to Title IV, Part E of the Social Security Act, which established a federal-state program known as Foster Care that provides financial support to a person, family, or institution that is raising a child or children that is not their own.  |
| **Joinder** | Process of adding another party to an order. Generally, when a child is with a caretaker when an order between the parents already exists. |
| **Joint Application Design (JAD)** | Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) and observers attend the JAD sessions (or JADs). Members of the design team and business analysts (BAs) facilitate the JAD sessions. During these sessions, the Proof of Concept is used as a point of reference to guide discussions among facilitators and SMEs. |
| **Joint Child** | Dependent child of both parents involved in the support proceeding. For one-party calculations, it is the child for whom support is sought. |
| **Joint Technical Design (JTD)** | JTD sessions (or JTDs) are similar in nature to the JAD sessions. SMEs provide insight and ideas regarding the technical design and requirements of the new system, including the technical architecture and its databases, as well as data conversion processes and data exchange interfaces. |
| **Journal** | A method for manually distributing payments when it is not appropriate for the computer to do it automatically. |
| **Judgment** | The concluding decision of a court on one or more claims in one or more actions, as reflected in a [judgment](#judgment) document. See [ORS 18.005(8)](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors018.html). |
| **Judgment Creditor** | A person who is owed money from another person as the result of a [judgment](#judgment).  |
| **Judgment Debtor** | A person who owes money to another person as the result of a [judgment](#judgment). Paying parents who owe money under an order are 'judgment debtors'. |
| **Judgment Debtor Examination (JDE)** | Obsolete term. Now known as Examination of Obligor’s Financial Circumstances (EOFC). |
| **Judgment Lien** | A lien placed on a property to recover a sum of money granted by a judgment on real property. See ORS 18.150(10). |
| **Judgment of Nonpaternity** | A [judgment](#judgment) filed with the court declaring the child's genetic markers received from their biological father do not match the genetic markers of the tested male and that the tested male is not the biological father of the child. Note: Some courts see this as a determination of BIOLOGICAL paternity only, and not a determination of an Emotional Parent. |
| **Judgment Remedy** | The ability of a [judgment creditor](#judgmentcreditor) to enforce a [judgment](#judgment) through execution. |
| **Jurisdiction** | The legal authority which a court or administrative agency has over particular persons and over certain types of cases, usually in a defined geographical area. |
| **Laches** | Undue delay in asserting a legal right or privilege, which bars recovery by the plaintiff or petitioner.   |
| **Late Hearing Request** | A [hearing](#hearing) request mailed or received by the program after the time for response has elapsed. |
| **Lay Representative** | A non-attorney employee that is authorized to represent the Oregon Child Support Program. |
| **Left Navigation** | A fixed region on the left side of an Origin page containing links to common actions. Links can change depending on which page a user is currently viewing. In addition to these links, this region includes the “I want to…” feature and announcements. |
| **Legacy** | Terms with the word legacy (e.g., legacy system, legacy procedures) are referring to CSEAS, the previous program computer system. |
| **Legal Father** | A man who is recognized by law as the male parent of a child. |
| **Legal Separation** | A separation of spouses that has been formalized by the court. |
| **Legislative Intent** | What the legislature intended a law to do. When a law is not clear, the legislative history is examined (including testimony) to determine the intent and proper interpretation of the law. |
| **Legitimation** | In the context of paternity establishment, legitimation occurs when the parents marry each other after the birth of the child and both parents complete and file a voluntary acknowledgment of paternity. |
| **Levy** | 1) The act of a sheriff or other officer in seizing and taking into their custody or control the property of a [judgment debtor](#judgmentdebtor) pursuant to the court’s direction.2) This term is also used to describe a type of letter warning of taking legal action to collect. |
| **Lien** | A claim upon property to prevent sale or transfer of that property until a debt is satisfied. |
| **Lien Record Abstract (LRA)** | A document used to create a [lien](#Lien) on property in one Oregon county when the support judgment has been filed in a different Oregon county. |
| **Limited Judgment** | See ORS 18.005(13). |
| **Liquidation** | The process by which [assets](#asset) are converted into cash for payment to creditors. |
| **Litigate/Litigation** | A civil action in which a controversy is brought before the court. |
| **Logical Collection** | Child support payment received on behalf of an individual parent and as part of a physical collection. Once a logical collection is identified to a parent who pays support, it is [allocated](#allocate) to all that parent’s eligible cases and then distributed to each case’s obligations. |
| **Long Arm Jurisdiction** | Legal provision that permits one state to claim personal [jurisdiction](#jurisdiction) over someone who lives in another state. There must be some meaningful connection between the person and the state or district that is asserting jurisdiction for a court or agency to reach beyond its normal jurisdictional border. |
| **Lump Sum Income** | Income that is not ongoing or periodic but is received once or infrequently. |
| **Manual Receipts (MR)** | Status placed on case when Origin cannot accurately distribute money. Often money is distributed to multiple [accounts](#account) manually. |
| **Mediation** | Process where a neutral third party assists parties attempting to reach a mutually acceptable resolution of a dispute. A mediator facilitates settlements but does not make binding decisions. See [arbitration](#Arbitration). |
| **Medicaid** | Medical assistance provided under a state plan approved under Title XIX of the Social Security Act.  |
| **Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS)** | A system for claims processing and information retrieval regarding Medicaid. Origin receives information from the Oregon MMIS through an interface. |
| **Medical Support** | [Cash medical support](#cashmedsupport) and health care coverage. See ORS 25.321(7) |
| **Medical Support Clause** | A provision in a child support order that requires one or both the parents to provide medical support for the child. See ORS 25.321(8) |
| **Medical Support Notice** | A notice in the form prescribed under ORS 25.325(5). See [National Medical Support Notice](#NMSN).  |
| **Medical Support Order** | A [judgment](#judgment) or order directing a party to provide health care coverage or [cash medical support](#cashmedsupport) for their [dependent](#dependent) child. |
| **Minimum Wage** | The lowest hourly wage permitted by federal or state government to be paid to certain employees. |
| **Minor Child** | A person under age 18 unless emancipated or married. |
| **Mirrored Calculation** | The method used to calculate support when none of the children for whom support is calculated live with either parent. The information for the parent being ordered to pay support is used on both sides of the worksheet. A mirrored calculation results in support being 50% of a two-parent calculation rather than 100% of a single parent calculation, which is fairer to the paying parent. |
| **Misapplied Payment** | A payment that is incorrectly applied to the wrong case and must be corrected.  |
| **Modification** | A court or administrative order changing an earlier court or administrative order. Usually, a modification involves increasing or decreasing a support amount.  |
| **Money Award** | A judgment, or portion of a judgment, that requires the payment of money. |
| **Most Likely Multiple Alleged Father** (**MLMAF)** | See Alleged Father. |
| **Motion** | An application for an order or ruling. This may be in the form of a written document or oral request at a [hearing](#hearing). |
| **Multiple Alleged Father (MAF)** | See [Alleged Father.](#AllegedFather) |
| **National Medical Support Notice (NMSN)** | A notice as prescribed under 42 USC 666(a)(19) or a substantially similar notice that is issued and forwarded by the program to enforce health care coverage provisions of a support order. |
| **National Student Clearinghouse** | An organization offering service in the management of student records for colleges and universities. Provides student enrollment information and degree verification to colleges, universities, students, alumni, lending institutions, employers, and other organizations. |
| **Negative Tax Return** | A payment pulled back by the issuer for the full or partial amount of the original tax payment in either the current or prior filing year. |
| **Negotiated Agreement** | An agreement between the parent and the program regarding the amount of support that will be enforced for a stated period.  |
| **Never Assigned Arrears (NAA)** | Arrears that accrued to a parent or person receiving support during all non-assistance periods. |
| **New Hire (NH) Data** | Data on a new employee that employers must submit within 20 days of hire to the State Directory of New Hires (SDNH) in the state in which they do business. [See State Directory of New Hires; National Directory of New Hires.](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/css/training-technical-assistance/overview-national-directory-new-hires) |
| **New Hire Reporting** | Program that requires all employers report newly hired employees to the State Directory of New Hires (SDNH) in their state. See [State Directory of New Hires; National Directory of New Hires.](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/css/training-technical-assistance/overview-national-directory-new-hires) |
| **Non-Cash Payments** | Process of crediting a case for payments not made through the program. This could consist of credit for direct payment, satisfaction, or credit per an order. |
| **Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO)** | An enlisted member of the armed forces, as a corporal or a sergeant, having a rank that confers leadership over others. |
| **Non Est** | Not found. Used by process servers to indicate that they were unable to find a [party](#Party) to serve legal documents on them.  |
| **Nonjoint Child** | A legal child of one, but not both, parents in a case for which that parent is legally responsible for their support but is not included in the current calculation. See [OAR 137-050-0720](http://www.oregonchildsupport.gov/laws/rules/docs/050_0720.pdf). |
| **Nonmarital Birth** | Refers to the birth of a child to parents that are not legally married. |
| **Notice of Financial Responsibility (NFR)** | The document which alleges that a person owes a duty of support, issued by the program using its administrative process under [ORS Chapter 416](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors416.html). |
| **Notice of Intent (NOI)** | The name of the document used to tell parties that an action will be taken unless an objection is received. Depending on the type of action proposed, a final order may be taken if the [parties](#Party) fail to respond. |
| **Nunc Pro Tunc** | Literally, 'now for then.' Used by the court to make something effective to a date earlier than the date the order is signed. |
| **Obligation** | Amount of money to be paid as support by a paying parent. Can take the form of financial support for the child, medical support, or spousal support. An obligation is a recurring, ongoing amount to be paid, not a one-time debt such as an assessment. |
| **Obligee** | Also known as [parent/person who receives support](#parentwhoreceivessupport) or [receiving parent/person](#parentwhoreceivessupport).* An individual to whom a duty of support is or is alleged to be owed or in whose favor a support order or a judgment determining parentage of a child has been issued
* A foreign country, state, or political subdivision of a state to which the rights under a duty of support or support order have been assigned or which has independent claims based on financial assistance provided to an individual receiving person in place of child support
* An individual seeking a judgment determining the parentage of the individual's child; or
* A person that is a creditor in a proceeding under ORS 110.645 to 110.669.
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| **Obligor**  | Also known as [parent who pays support](#parentwhopayssupport) or [paying parent](#parentwhopayssupport).An individual, or the estate of a decedent, that:* Owes or is alleged to owe a duty of support
* Is alleged but has not been adjudicated to be a parent of a child
* Is liable under a support order; or
* Is a debtor in a proceeding under ORS 110.645 to 110.669.
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| **Office of Administrative Hearings (****OAH)** | An independent and impartial forum for contested hearings for state agencies. OAH hears child support administrative [hearings](#hearing). |
| **Office of Child Support Services (OCSS)** | The federal agency responsible for the administration of child support program. Created by Title IV-D of the Social Security Act in 1975, OCSS is responsible for the development of child support policy, oversight, evaluation, and audits of state child support enforcement programs, and providing technical assistance and training to the state programs. OCSS operates the Federal Parent Locator Service (FPLS), which includes the National Directory of New Hires (NDNH) and the Federal Case Registry (FCR). OCSS is part of the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), which is within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).  |
| **Office of Family Assistance (OFA)** | Federal government agency responsible for the administration of the [TANF](#TANF), Repatriation, and Emergency Assistance programs. |
| **Offset** | Money intercepted from a parent’s state or federal income tax refund or from an administrative payment, such as federal retirement benefits, to satisfy a child support debt. Also known as [tax intercept](#FTROP). See [Federal Tax Refund Offset Program](#FTROP).  |
| **One-State Remedies** | The exercise of a state's [jurisdiction](#jurisdiction) over a non-resident parent or direct establishment, enforcement, or other action by a state against a non-resident parent in accordance with the long-arm provision of UIFSA or other state law. |
| **Online Account** | Web portal for participants to access their child support accounts. This online portal is embedded in the public website, OregonChildSupport.gov.  |
| **Order** | An enforceable obligation issued by a court or administrator which may or may not be the final resolution of the case. |
| **Order to Show Cause** | Court order, decree, execution, etc., to appear as directed and present to the court such reasons and considerations as one has to offer why a particular order, decree, etc., should not be confirmed, take effect, or be executed. |
| **Order to Withhold Earnings (OWE)** | An order from the court to the employer of a paying parent to withhold a specified amount from the parent’s disposable earnings. |
| **Order/Notice to Withhold Child Support** | The form to be used by all states that standardizes the information used to request income withholding for child support. See [Income Withholding Order](#IWO). |
| **Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR)** | Written set of rules by which Oregon state agencies operate their programs. Rules proposed by the agencies to define their policies and procedures are subject to public comment and are recorded with the Secretary of State. Child support rules are issued through DOJ. |
| **Oregon Child Support Program** | The IV-D agency for the state of Oregon. It is administered by the DOJ Division of Child Support. Services are provided by the Division of Child Support and 18 District Attorney offices. |
| **Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS or DHS)** | Oregon state agency that is responsible for the coordination of the state’s social services programs including Self-Sufficiency and Child Welfare (CW). |
| **Oregon eCourt Case Information (OECI)** | Online access to Oregon Circuit Court records. It is part of the Oregon Judicial Case Information Network (OJCIN).  |
| **Oregon Employer Services Portal (OESP)** | An online secure system where employers or their third-party companies can manage their child support obligations. Formerly CSPay. |
| **Oregon Employment Department** | State agency that maintains and provides information regarding employment statistics and availability. The agency also records the amount of the wages paid to each Oregon worker on a quarterly basis. |
| **Oregon Health Plan (OHP)** | Oregon's Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program that provides health care coverage for low-income people. It is administered by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). |
| **Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS)** | The legislative enactments or laws of the state of Oregon. |
| **Oregon Rules of Civil Procedure (ORCP)** | The statutes that govern civil court proceedings and some administrative proceedings. |
| **Oregon Youth Authority (OYA)** | Independent department established January 1, 1996, by the Oregon Legislature to provide services to youth offenders that were previously provided by the Children's Services Division of the Department of Human Services. |
| **Origin** | The name of Oregon’s child support case management system.  |
| **Other Jurisdiction's Order/Judgment** | An order or judgment from another [jurisdiction](#jurisdiction) (state, Tribe, or country). |
| **Overpayment** | An overpayment occurs when the parent/person who receives support, parent who pays support, or person or entity authorized to receive child support payments receives an amount to which they were not entitled. |
| **Parent Who Pays Support** | This phrase replaces the current term [obligor](#obligor) in Origin and should be used when communicating with participants. Can be adjusted for different tenses or context (e.g., parent who pays support, parent paying support, etc.). The term obligor will continue to appear on documents filed with courts. |
| **Parent Who Receives Support** | This phrase replaced the current term [obligee](#obligee) in Origin and should be used when communicating with participants. Can be adjusted for different tenses, role on a child support case, or context (e.g., parent who receives support, person receiving support, etc.). Obligee will continue to appear on documents filed with courts. |
| **Parentage** | The recognition of a parent’s legal relationship to a child. |
| **Parentage/Paternity Test (PT)** | See [Genetic Test](#GeneticTest). |
| **Parenting Time** | Amount of time the child is scheduled to spend with a parent according to a current written agreement between the parents or a court order. See [Custody Determination](#custodydetermination). |
| **Participant** | How customers are being identified in Origin on a general level. A participant can be any party or child associated with a case.  |
| **Participant Disbursement Hold** | Money that is held on each child support case for a participant to be released on a specific date or held for manual release (e.g., a parent receiving support on two cases via check is in the process of moving and has requested payments be held). All payments to be disbursed to that [payee](#Payee) will be held until the agreed upon trigger (new address, specified date). These holds are reflected on the Suspended Disbursement page. |
| **Participant Level Enforcement Action** | Action that applies to all child support cases associated with a participant (e.g., passport denial). |
| **Participant-Based** | Origin is a participant-based system. When information is updated or added for a participant it is automatically applied to each of their cases. A participant-based system reduces the need for redundant data entry. |
| **Party Status** | Participant named in a legal action because their rights will be affected by its outcome. |
| **Party/Parties** | Person or persons with a right to participate in a proceeding. |
| **Pass-Through** | An amount (up to $50 per child, and $200 per family) collected and applied to current child support that is assigned to the state due to current TANF and disbursed to the parent receiving support with the remainder of the collection is retained by the state. See [OAR 137-055-6010](http://www.oregonchildsupport.gov/laws/rules/docs/055_6010.pdf). |
| **Paternity** | The legal establishment of a child's father. |
| **Payee** | Person or organization in whose name child support money is paid.  |
| **Payment Applied in Error (PAE)** | A payment applied to a child support [account](#account) in error as the money was meant for another child support case. |
| **Payment Applied Twice (PAT)** | A payment originally issued to a [payee](#Payee) that was returned and applied to the case as a new payment in error. |
| **Payment Month** | The month for which a benefit is paid. |
| **Payor** | Person who makes a payment, usually the paying parent or someone acting on their behalf, or a parent who receives support who is repaying a receivable. |
| **Pay-To** | A person other than the parent who receives support on a case entitled to payment or a portion of the support payments for the case. A person who receives benefits instead of - and on behalf of - a person who is normally the [payee](#Payee) for a case, a representative payee, guardian, caretaker, or conservator. |
| **Pendente Lite** | Pending [litigation](#litigate); during the progress of the lawsuit. Pendente lite support orders (also known as temporary orders) are often obtained in [dissolution](#dissolution) cases prior to entry of a final dissolution decree. |
| **Per Child Order** | An order for child support in which a specified dollar amount is assigned to each child. The monthly amount due would change if a child is added or removed. This order is distinguished from a 'class order' which specifies a single sum for the support of all the children. |
| **Periodic Review** | The review of child support cases enforced by a IV-D agency on a two- or three-year basis to assure conformity with current [child support guidelines](#childsupportguidelines). See [Modification](#modification). |
| **Permanent Rule** | An administrative rule that has been adopted through the normal rule making process and has become law. |
| **Permanently Assigned Arrears (PAA)** | Arrears that were permanently assigned to the state prior to 10/01/1997, plus any arrears that accrued during assistance periods after 10/01/1997. PAA will not exceed the remaining Unreimbursed Assistance (URA) for associated grants. |
| **Personally Identifiable Information (PII)** | A federally defined term that refers to information that can be used to distinguish or trace an individual's identity, either alone or when combined with other personal or identifying information that is linked or linkable to a specific individual. See [Regulated Data Security Standards Overview](https://origin.oregonchildsupport.gov/OriginHelp/index.htm#t=Procedures%2FCase_Management%2FRegulatedDataSecurityStandardsOverview.htm) procedure.  |
| **Personal Property** | Any property that is movable including items such as cash, automobiles, tools, etc.  |
| **Personal Representative** | A person who manages the legal affairs of another because of incapacity or death, such as the executor of an estate. |
| **Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA)** | Legislation that provides several requirements for employers, public licensing agencies, financial institutions, as well as state and federal child support agencies to assist in the location of non-custodial parents and the establishment, enforcement, and collection of child support. This legislation created the New Hire Reporting program and the State and Federal Case Registries. Also known as Welfare Reform. |
| **Personal Service** | In person delivery of a notice of legal proceeding to the person (participant) affected by it. |
| **Petition** | A written statement of the [petitioner's](#petitioner) case which initiates a lawsuit. For [Bankruptcy](#bk), document filed by the [debtor](#debtor) which begins the bankruptcy case. |
| **Petitioner** | The person or entity presenting a [petition](#petition) to court. This term is similar to [plaintiff](#plaintiff) in that both parties are requesting some legal remedy from a court. |
| **Physical collection** | Child support payment received from a single source, such as an employer, that can contain payments on behalf of one or more parents. A physical collection may contain more than one logical collection. During the processing of a physical collection, each logical collection is identified to one parent who pays support and assigned a logical collection number. |
| **Plaintiff** | A person who brings an action; the party who complains or sues in a civil case. |
| **Plan Administrator** | See [ORS 25.321](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors025.html)(10):(a) The employer, union or other provider that offers a health benefit plan; or(b) the person to whom, under a written agreement of the parties, the duty of plan administrator is delegated by the employer, union or other provider that offers a health benefit plan. |
| **Pleading** | Statements or allegations, presented in logical and legal form, which constitute a plaintiff’s cause of action or a defendant’s grounds of defense.  |
| **Post-Petition** | Events or debts occurring after the filing of the [petition](#petition) in [bankruptcy](#bk). |
| **Postponement** | A delay in having a [hearing](#hearing). Distinguished from [continuance](#continuance) in that with a postponement, none of the hearing is held before the next hearing date. |
| **Potential Income** | A parent's ability to earn based on relevant work history, including hours typically worked by or available to the parent, occupational qualifications, education, physical and mental health, employment potential considering prevailing job opportunities and earnings levels in the community, and any other relevant factors. See OAR [137-050-0715](https://justice.oregon.gov/child-support/pdf/137-050-0715.pdf)(3). |
| **Power of Attorney** | An instrument in writing whereby one person, as principal, appoints another as their agent and confers authority to perform certain specified act or kinds of acts on their behalf. An instrument authorizing another to act as one's agent or attorney. The agent is attorney-in-fact, and their power is revoked on the death of the principal by operation of law. Such power may be either general (full) or special (limited). |
| **Pre-Note** | A preliminary, zero-dollar transmission used to verify ACH data prior to sending payments. |
| **Pre-Petition** | Events or debts occurring before the filing of a [petition](#petition) in [bankruptcy](#bk). |
| **Presiding Officer** | The person designated by the [Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH)](#OAH) to conduct a contested case [hearing](#hearing). Also known as [Administrative Law Judge (ALJ)](#alj). |
| **Presumed Parentage or Presumed Parent** | When a person is ([rebuttably](#rebuttal)) presumed to be a parent of a child because they were married to the mother of the child at the time of the child's birth and there was no judgment of separation even though the mother and parent were not living together, OR when the child was born within 300 days after the marriage was terminated by death, annulment, or [dissolution](#dissolution) or after a judgment of separation. See [ORS 109.070](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors109.html) |
| **Prima Facie** | Latin for 'on the face of it.' This term is used to describe evidence which stands as fact unless and until someone successfully challenges it. |
| **Prima Facie Evidence** | Enough evidence to establish the facts alleged in a [petition](#petition) or a [complaint](#complaint) if there is no contradictory or rebutting evidence. |
| **Principal** | Person who signs a power of attorney document. See [ORS 127.005](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors127.html). |
| **Pro Bono** | Latin for “for free”. This is the term used when a lawyer represents someone at no charge. |
| **Pro Se** | Latin for "on one's own behalf" or "for oneself." Term used when someone represents themselves in a legal action instead of having a lawyer present with them. |
| **Pro Tanto** | Latin for “for so much”, “as much as may be,” or “as far as it goes.” This term is used to describe how credit for payments is given when a paying parent has multiple orders involving the same family. It means generally that a [parent who pays support](#parentwhopayssupport) receives credit for payments made against all orders. |
| **Pro Tem** | Acting temporarily. This term is used when a person who has not been elected or appointed as a judge is given the authority to act as a judge in a particular matter. |
| **Probate** | A legal process to settle the affairs of the estate of a deceased person. This includes establishing the validity of a will, paying claims against the estate, and distributing any remaining assets to the heirs after all claims are paid. |
| **Process Server** | Someone with the statutory authority to serve legal process on a [party](#Party) or witness. |
| **Promissory Note** | A written promise to pay money, written in order form and negotiable by delivery or endorsement. |
| **Proof of Claim** | A document filed by a [creditor](#creditor) providing the basis and amount of the creditor's claim against the debtor. The official forms of the [bankruptcy](#bk) court must be used. |
| **Proof of Service** | The document (or computer narrative if service is permitted by mail on the parent or person receiving support) showing who served specified documents on a named individual, when, where, and the manner of service. |
| **Property** | An asset that is a tangible object. Property is further classified as real property or personal property. |
| **Property - Personal** | Anything (except real estate) that is owned by a person (e.g., car, furniture, clothing, etc.). |
| **Property - Real** | Real estate. Land and whatever is erected or affixed to it such as buildings, crops, and timber. |
| **Prorate** | To divide, distribute, or assess proportionately. |
| **Providing Parent** | A party to a child support order who has been ordered to provide medical support, e.g., health care coverage, cash medical support, or cash to cover health care costs. ORS 25.321(11) uses Party instead of Parent. |
| **Public Assistance (PA)** | Benefits granted from state, federal, or Tribal programs to aid eligible recipients meet basic needs (eligibility requirements vary between programs). The child support program works with agencies that provide benefits under Title IV-A, Title IV-E, Title XIX (federal programs). |
| **Public Health Care Coverage** | Health care coverage provided by a government sponsored health care program that provides medical benefits for children. |
| **Public Law (PL)** | The laws of the United States - federal law. |
| **Pullback (noun)** | A type of search that uses a list of stored information that automatically populates data fields. (e.g., addresses for a courthouse or a prison). Usage example: "Click the link to perform a pullback search for a participant." |
| **Putative Father** | A man who has been named as the father of a child born out of wedlock when [paternity](#paternity) has not been legally established. See [Alleged father](#AllegedFather). |
| **Qualified Domestic Relations Order (QDRO)** | An order, usually supplemental to a [dissolution](#dissolution) judgment or child support order, entered by the court to create alternative [payee](#Payee) for a party's defined benefit plan, in accordance with the terms of the [judgment](#judgment) or order. An enforcement tool used to ensure that a party receives a share of a marital asset - like a retirement plan - per the marital [dissolution](#dissolution); most often used by Special Collections or District Attorney offices. |
| **Qualified Medical Child Support Order (QMCSO)** | An order, decree, or judgment, including approval of a settlement agreement, issued by a court or administrative agency of competent [jurisdiction](#jurisdiction) that provides for medical support for a child of a participant under a group health plan or provides for health benefit coverage to such child. |
| **Quasi-Judicial** | A term meaning 'like a judge.'  Applies to the action, discretion, etc., of public administrative officers, who are required to investigate or ascertain the existence of facts and draw conclusions from them, as a basis for their official action, and to exercise discretion of a judicial nature. |
| **QUICK** | QUICK is a web-based application that allows the user to view case data from other states in real time. QUICK is accessed through the Child Support Portal. |
| **R\*STARS** | A program for balancing and releasing deposits in the State Financial Management Application (SMFA). |
| **Reasonable in Cost** | Private health care coverage is reasonable in cost if it costs no more than the total of four percent of each parent's adjusted income as determined in OAR 137-050-0720. See [ORS 137-050-0750](https://justice.oregon.gov/child-support/pdf/137-050-0750.pdf)(5). |
| **Rebuttable Presumption** | A presumption which can be challenged. The amount of child support calculated under the Guidelines is presumed correct unless it is "[rebutted](#rebuttal)". |
| **Rebuttal/Rebuttable** | Specific factors found in ORS 25.080 and OAR 137-050-0760 that support a finding that the child support guideline amount is unjust and inappropriate in a particular case. Also means arguable. |
| **Receipt** | Written document acknowledging the receiving of goods or money. |
| **Receivable** | A non-child support debt owed to the state based on a payment that was disbursed to a person or entity that was later determined to be paid in error. Enforceable amount owed to the state for overpayments (e.g., dishonored checks, misapplied payments). |
| **Recipient** | One who receives something, such as a person who receives a service. |
| **Reciprocal/Reciprocity** | Relationship in which one state grants certain privileges to other states on the condition that they receive the same privilege.  |
| **Reconcile** | To agree, to make the same. |
| **Record** | Information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form. |
| **Redact** | Careful editing of a document to remove confidential references. |
| **Redirect** | Process in which a judgment creditor may voluntarily redirect child support payments to a person with physical custody of one or more minor children covered by a child support order. |
| **Referral** | Request sent to a IV-D agency from a non IV-D agent or agency asking that a child support case be established.  |
| **Region X/Region 10** | The federal [OCSS](#OCSS) multistate region which includes Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Alaska, and the Tribes in those states.  |
| **Register** | To file in a tribunal of this state a support order or judgment determining parentage of a child issued in another state or foreign country. |
| **Registered Agent** | A person or business authorized to accept legal documents on behalf of a business. The Secretary of State maintains listings of registered agents. |
| **Registering Tribunal** | A tribunal in which a support order or judgment determining parentage of a child is registered. |
| **Registration** | The legal process where one [jurisdiction](#jurisdiction)’s order is formally entered, recognized, and enforced in another jurisdiction. |
| **Regulated Data** | Any data that has a confidentiality or security requirement outlined in policy, procedure, or law. See [Regulated Data Security Standards Overview](https://origin.oregonchildsupport.gov/OriginHelp/index.htm#t=Procedures%2FCase_Management%2FRegulatedDataSecurityStandardsOverview.htm) procedure. |
| **Rehearing** | When a [hearing](#hearing) has been conducted, a final order has been issued, and the [Administrative Law Judge](#alj) determines that additional evidence should be taken and a new or expanded record made. |
| **Reimbursement** | Repayment to the agency for benefits provided, either by the recipient or a third party. Repayment to a person by another source for money spent, or for losses or damages. |
| **Reinstate** | To restore. Used to describe an order that was previously suspended and is being 'turned back on'. |
| **Relief from Stay (AKA Relief of Stay)** | In [bankruptcy](#bk), a relief from stay is needed for any actions against property of the estate. |
| **Remand** | To send back or return to a tribunal.  |
| **Remedial** | Affording a remedy. Used to describe a [contempt](#contempt) proceeding which seeks compensation versus punishment. |
| **Remediation** | Legal means to recover a right or to prevent or obtain redress for a wrong. |
| **Renewal of Judgment** | A procedure whereby a [judgment](#judgment) may be renewed for a 10-year period. Only applies to orders entered prior to January 1, 1994. |
| **Reopening** | Occurs when a party requests a [hearing](#hearing) within 60 days after a [default order](#defaultorder), and an [Administrative Law Judge](#alj) determines that the party who applied for reopening failed to appear for reasons beyond the party’s reasonable control. Also occurs in [paternity](#paternity) cases when the order was entered one year ago or less, and certain criteria is met. |
| **Representative Payee** | A person who receives benefits instead of and on behalf of a person who is normally the [payee](#Payee) for a case. |
| **Request for Admission** | A formal legal request asking that certain facts be admitted by the opposing party. This is primarily used to get doctor’s interrogatories or [genetic test](#GeneticTest) results admitted so that they don’t have to be proved at trial. |
| **Request for Hearing** | A response from a party, after service of a pleading requesting an administrative or court [hearing](#hearing). |
| **Requesting Party** | The party who requested the action. |
| **Residency** | The state a person is a resident of, regardless of the person’s physical presence. |
| **Respondent** | The party answering a petition or motion. |
| **Responding Jurisdiction (RJAD)(RJ)(RDA)** | The [jurisdiction](#jurisdiction) which responds to the proceedings sent by the [initiating jurisdiction](#initiatingjurisdiction). The responding jurisdiction is usually the jurisdiction where the parent who pays support lives or works. |
| **Responding Reciprocal (RR)** | The court or administrative agency with [jurisdiction](#jurisdiction) over a non-custodial parent or child support order on which an [initiating jurisdiction](#initiatingjurisdiction) has requested action. |
| **Responding State** | A state in which a petition or comparable pleading for support or to determine parentage of a child is filed or to which a petition or comparable pleading is forwarded for filing from another state or a foreign country. |
| **Responding Tribunal** | The authorized [tribunal](#tribunal) in a responding state or foreign country. |
| **Return of Service** | The paper attached to the served documents which indicate who was served with what, by whom, and the date and manner of service. |
| **Revised Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act (RURESA)** | Revised URESA law that sets forth reciprocal laws concerning the enforcement of child support between states. See [Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act](#URESA) or [Uniform Interstate Family Support Act](#UIFSA). |
| **Role-based Access** | Grouping of roles, based on users’ assigned duties, that regulates their access within Origin. |
| **Roles** | Level of predefined access that allows the assigned user to view specific pages or perform certain activities. |
| **Sanction** | Generally, a penalty or punishment applied for the failure of one or more individuals in a case to meet certain program requirements. The penalty may be case ineligibility, or elimination of a person’s needs from consideration in calculating benefits while continuing to count that person’s income or resources. Also used in legal cases like [contempt](#contempt). |
| **Satisfaction/Satisfaction of Support Judgment** | A legal document, signed by the parent who receives support or [assignee](#assignee), which provides that a parent who pays support is to be given official credit for having paid a specified amount of support, or for other consideration in lieu of support, or for having paid all support due for a specified period of time. |
| **Scale and Formula** | Part of Oregon's [child support guidelines](#childsupportguidelines), the scale sets out an amount to be paid by a person based upon net income and the number of [dependents](#dependent). The formula is a procedure whereby adjustments can be made to the amount to be paid under the scale. The scale and formula are set out in the [Child Support Guidelines](https://www.doj.state.or.us/child-support/calculators-laws/child-support-laws-and-rules/child-support-laws/child-support-guideline-rules-137-050/).  |
| **Secretary** | Refers to the Secretary of the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services. |
| **Section 341(a) Hearing** | In [bankruptcy](#bk), a meeting of the creditors at which the creditors can examine the debtor under oath. Named for [11 USC § 341(a)](https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/11). |
| **Self-Alleged Father (SAF)** | See [Alleged Father](#AllegedFather) |
| **Self-Employment** | The process of a person receiving income from providing services, labor, or performance directly to consumer without being employed by a third person. |
| **Sequence** | A continuous or connected series. |
| **Service** | The act of giving actual notice of legal proceeding to the person (participant) affected by it. |
| **Service By Posting** | Process to provide legal notices to a party who cannot be located by posting documents in public locations around the party's last known address.  |
| **Servicemember** | A participant actively serving in military. This includes Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Guard, or a cadet at a federal service academy. Refer to [Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) Overview](https://origin.oregonchildsupport.gov/OriginHelp/index.htm#t=Procedures%2FCase_Management%2FServicemembersCivilReliefActSCRAOverview.htm). |
| **Servicemembers Civil Relief Act** | Act protecting the due process rights of [servicemembers](#servicemember).  |
| **Set Aside** | A legal action that removes an order or portion of an order because it was taken in error. This term is distinguished from 'vacate' because vacate makes an order be as if it never happened. |
| **Set Off Income Liability (SOIL)** | The recovery of [delinquent](#delinquent) support obligations from any Oregon tax refunds due to the [parent who pays support](#parentwhopayssupport) or [debtor](#debtor). In general, a process in which state income tax may be attached by a state agency to recover debts. |
| **Show Cause** | A court order directing a person to appear and bring forth any evidence as to why the remedies stated in the order should not be confirmed or executed. A show cause order is usually based on a motion and affidavit asking for relief. |
| **Sibling** | A blood-related, step-, or adopted brother or sister. |
| **Small Estate Affidavit** | Document filed in small estate proceeding, listing the claiming successor, heirs and devisees, assets, and known creditors. |
| **Small Estates** | Abbreviated procedure for handling distribution of an estate that is not financially large enough to require full probate proceedings. |
| **Social Security Act** | An Act of Congress originally approved August 14, 1935, to “provide for the general welfare by establishing a system of federal old-age benefits, and by enabling the several states to make more adequate provision for aged persons, blind persons, dependent and crippled children, maternal and child welfare, public health, and the administration of their unemployment compensation laws...” The Act is comprised of “titles” that address different programs of social welfare. Child Support was added in 1975 under Chapter IV-D, which is why the Oregon Child Support Program is referred to as the “IV-D” program. See Title IV-D. |
| **Social Security Administration (SSA)** | The agency of the federal government that is responsible for administration of Social Security programs. |
| **Social Security Number (SSN)** | A number issued by the Social Security Administration to U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and eligible nonimmigrant workers in the United States. It is used to report wages to the government, track Social Security benefits, and for other identification purposes. |
| **Special Enforcement Activity** | Legal actions initiated to enforce support order compliance (e.g., [contempt](#contempt)). Does not include license suspensions or [bankruptcy](#bk)-related actions. |
| **Split Custody** | A situation where there is more than one joint child, and each parent has physical custody of at least one child. |
| **Spousal Support** | Court ordered support of a spouse or ex-spouse; also referred to as maintenance or alimony. |
| **Staff-Initiated Activity** | An activity where staff initiates, updates, or edits information within Origin. |
| **Standing** | The right to be heard in a legal proceeding. |
| **State** | A state of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, any territory, or insular possession under the jurisdiction of the United States or an Indian nation or Tribe. |
| **State Accounts** | [Accounts](#account) set up to track the amount of arrears owed to [state debt](#statedebt). |
| **State Care** | In the care or custody of ODHS, CW, or OYA. |
| **State Debt** | The amount of arrears on a case assigned to the state for recoupment of child support funds to offset the cost of assistance. It is now recouped through permanently assigned arrears (PAA) and conditionally assigned arrears (CAA) when payment is from a federal offset. |
| **State Disbursement Unit (SDU)** | Responsible for collecting, distributing, and disbursing child support payments for the Oregon Child Support Program. Each State IV-D agency is required to have a single, centralized site to which employers can send child support payments they have collected for processing. The SDU is part of Financial Services.  |
| **State Information Agency** | Under the Oregon UIFSA law, the Attorney General’s office is designated as the state information agency to provide information to states such as lists of courts, laws, and lien requirements; to conduct location efforts on parents who pay support; and to respond to interstate [complaints](#complaint). Responsibility is delegated to the Oregon Child Support Program. |
| **State Minimum Wage** | The hourly wage required by the state to be the least that can legally be paid to certain employees. |
| **State Parent Locator Service (SPLS) or State PLS** | Service established by the state IV-D agency to locate parents. This includes submitting requests to the Federal Parent Locator Service (FPLS) in response to requests for FPLS information from authorized persons (e.g., request from a court in a child custody case). In Oregon, locate efforts are mostly automated. The Case Intake - Central Locate team is responsible for responding to requests for FPLS information.See [45 CFR 303.35](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-45/subtitle-B/chapter-III/part-302/section-302.35). See Locate. |
| **State Plan** | Consists of comprehensive written documents furnished by the state IV-D agency (DCS in Oregon) to cover its Child Support Enforcement Program under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act. The state plan describes the nature and scope of its program and gives assurances that it will be administered in conformance with federal law, regulations, and requirements. See 45 CFR 302.  |
| **State Employment Security Agency (SESA)** | The state agency charged with the administration of the state unemployment compensation laws in accordance with Title III of the Social Security Act. In Oregon, it is the Employment Department. |
| **State's Permanently Assigned Arrears** | Past-due support which accrues during a period a family receives [public assistance](#pa) and past-due support which accrued before the family applied for assistance in pre-October 1997 assignments only. |
| **State's Temporarily Assigned Arrears** | Past-due support assigned to the state during assistance periods, which accrued during non-assistance periods, and was not permanently assigned under pre-October 1997 assignments. As of October 1, 2000, the state's temporarily assigned arrears revert to the family's conditionally assigned arrears during periods that the family was not receiving assistance. |
| **Statute** | A law enacted by the legislature. Also known as Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS).  |
| **Statute of Limitations (SOL)** | Statutory period that describes the length of time a party has to bring a legal action. If a party waits too long, they are "barred" by the statute of limitations from starting the action. |
| **Stay** | Request by a [servicemember](#servicemember)  to stop, or freeze, proceedings at a particular point of the legal action of no less than 90 days by completing the CSF 02 0152 (Waiver of Servicemembers Civil Relief Act - 50 USC §§ 3901) and providing documentation to support their request. Refer to [SCRA](#scra). |
| **Stepbrother or Stepsister** | The brother or sister of a [dependent](#dependent) child who is not related by blood but is related by the marriage of their parents. |
| **Stepparent** | Parent of a [dependent](#dependent) child who is related to the child only by marriage to the child’s natural or adoptive parent. |
| **Stipulated Order** | An order based upon an agreement of the [parties](#Party) either in a separate document or by the signatures of the parties on the face of the order signed by the court. |
| **Stipulation** | An agreement between the [parties](#Party) in a court or administrative action. Most stipulations are in writing and signed by both parties. |
| **Stipulation and Order** | A document containing an agreement of the [parties](#Party) and bearing the signature of the parties and of the court, thus rendering the agreement into an order by the words, “It is so ordered.” |
| **Subject Matter Experts (SMEs)** | Oregon Child Support Program staff who have been asked to support various areas of the program by providing their expertise and insights.  |
| **Subpoena** | Legal process and document by which a witness is required to appear in court or at another legal proceeding at a specified time to testify or provide documents or information. |
| **Subpoena Duces Tecum** | Legal process and document by which a witness is required to appear in court or at another legal proceeding at a specified time to testify and requiring them to bring all or certain documents in their possession with them. |
| **Subrogate** | The act of substituting one person in the place of another so that the substituted person assumes the right in the claim. |
| **Substitute Service** | Personal delivery of documents at a participant's home to a resident at least 14 years old and subsequently mailing a copy of the documents by first class mail. Also known as sub-service. |
| **Summary Determination** | When the court decides whether a claim will be allowed. |
| **Summary Judgment** | A final decision made by a court when one [party](#Party) demonstrates there are no factual issues to be decided and that the legal questions should be resolved in their favor. |
| **Summons** | A notice to a defendant that an action against them has been commenced in the court issuing the summons and that a judgment will be taken against them if the [complaint](#complaint) is not answered within a certain time. |
| **Supersede** | To replace; to take the place of; to render void; to set aside. |
| **Supplemental Judgment** | A judgment that by law may be rendered after a general judgment has been entered in the action and that affects a substantial right of a party. |
| **Supplemental Security Income (SSI)** | A needs-based program administered by the Social Security Administration for aged, blind, and disabled persons. |
| **Support** | Cash payments or other benefits that a person has been ordered by a court or by administrative process, or has voluntarily agreed, to provide for the benefit and maintenance of another person.(a) **Child Support** refers to payments a parent has been ordered (or has agreed) to pay for the benefit of a child.(b) **Medical Support** refers to medical insurance benefits, or to payments for actual medical services provided, a parent has been ordered (or has agreed) to provide for the benefit of a child, spouse, or former spouse.(c) **Spousal Support** refers to payments a person has been ordered (or has agreed) to pay for the benefit of a current or former spouse. Also known as alimony. |
| **Support Arrears** | See [Arrearage](#Arrears). |
| **Support Arrears Lien** | The judgment lien that attaches to real property when an installment becomes due under the terms of a support order and is not paid. |
| **Support Award** | A money award or agency order that requires the payment of child or spousal support in installments. |
| **Support Enforcement Agency** | A public official, governmental entity, or private agency authorized to:* Seek enforcement of support orders or laws relating to the duty of support.
* Seek establishment or [modification](#modification) of child support.
* Request determination of parentage of a child.
* Attempt to locate a parent who pays support or their assets.
* Request determination of the controlling child support order.
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| **Support Enforcement Division (SED)** | Obsolete term. Former name of the Division of Child Support. |
| **Support Order** | A judgment, decree, order, decision, or directive, whether temporary or final, issued in a state or foreign country for the benefit of a child, spouse, or former spouse that provides for monetary support, health care, arrearages, retroactive support, or reimbursement for financial assistance provided to the parent who receives support in place of child support. The term may include related costs and fees, interest, income withholding, automatic adjustment, reasonable attorney fees, and other relief. |
| **Suppression** | Prevents enforcement actions from being taken on future activities. Can also terminate a current activity. |
| **Suspended Collections** | Collections that are placed on a hold prior to allocation to any case. These collections are [allocated](#allocate) on a specific date or held for manual release. |
| **Suspended Disbursements** | Collections that are [allocated](#allocate) and distributed to a case; however, the amount to be disbursed to the [payee](#Payee) on a specific case is held to be released on a specific date or held for manual release. |
| **Task** | Action to be taken by an assigned worker or team in Origin. Tasks can be system- or user-assigned. |
| **Temporarily Assigned Arrears** | See State's Temporarily Assigned Arrears. |
| **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)** | Time-limited public assistance payments made to needy families, based on Title IV-A of the Social Security Act. TANF replaced [Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)](#AFDC) when the [Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA)](#PRWORA) was signed into law in 1996. The program provides parents with job preparation, work, and support services to help them become self-sufficient. Applicants for TANF benefits are automatically referred to their state IV-D agency to establish paternity and child support for their children from the absent parent. This allows the state to recoup or defray some of its public assistance expenditures with funds from the parent who pays support. See [OAR 461-101-0010](http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/pages/rules/oars_400/oar_461/461_101.html). |
| **Termination** | A court or administrative order ending an earlier court or administrative support order. A termination stops current and future obligations of order including cash child support and medical support. An order that has been terminated cannot be administratively modified to reinstate child support; a new support order must be initiated. |
| **Termination of Parental Rights (TPR)** | The parental rights of the parents of a child may be terminated by a court if it is in the best interest of the child, and the parent or parents are unfit because of serious incident(s) of neglect or abandonment. The rights of one parent may be terminated without affecting the rights of the other parent. Termination of parental rights terminates the child support obligation for that parent. See ORS 419B.524. |
| **Third Party Recovery (TPR)** | A process of the agency obtaining reimbursement for expenditures for services to clients from a third party who has responsibility for providing full or partial payment for those services. |
| **Tort** | Private or civil wrong, or injury, to another person. A tort claim may be made for an alleged inappropriate action by an agency. |
| **Transcript of Judgment** | A formal document prepared and certified by the clerk of a court, containing an abstract of entries pertaining to a particular [judgment](#judgment) from the court’s judgment entry, usually for filing in another county. |
| **Transmittal** | Federally prescribed form used to request services from another state. |
| **Treasury Stop** | The process to put a stop payment on an outstanding check. |
| **Trial** | A judicial determination of the issues between the [parties](#Party) before a court or a jury. |
| **Tribal TANF** | Temporary Assistance for Needy Families administered by a federally recognized Indian Tribe. |
| **Tribunal** | A court, administrative agency, or quasi-judicial agency authorized to establish, enforce, or modify support orders or to determine parentage. |
| **Trust and Agency (T&A) Account** | An account maintained by ODHS that contains funds belonging to a client who is unable to manage their own funds, has no one else willing or able to manage the funds, and understands the need for the account. |
| **Trustee** | 1) A person responsible for administering a trust.2) A person appointed by the [bankruptcy](#bk) court to oversee the handling of the bankruptcy estate. |
| **Unassigned Arrears** | See [Family's Unassigned Arrears](#familyunassignedarrears). |
| **Unassigned During Assistance (UDA)** | Arrears that were permanently assigned and exceeded the remaining URA for the associated grants at the time assistance closed. These arrears are assigned to the parent or person receiving support. |
| **Unassigned Pre-Assistance Arrears (UPA)** | Arrears that are conditionally assigned (CAA) and exceed the remaining URA for the associated grants after the system does any comparison of the PAA with URA. NOTE: CAA arrears will unassign to UPA prior to arrears unassigning from PAA to UDA. |
| **Unclaimed Funds** | Support payment that cannot be disbursed because the identity of the payor is unknown, or the address of the [payee](#Payee) is unknown. |
| **Undistributed Collections** | Child support payments that have been collected but have not yet been disbursed or refunded. |
| **Unearned Income** | Any income that is received for reasons other than employment or self-employment. Typically includes Social Security, veteran's benefits, unemployment compensation, lump sums, etc., but may include in-kind benefits. See [Earned income](#earnedincome). |
| **Unemployment Compensation (UC)** | Any compensation payable under the state unemployment compensation law, including amounts payable in accordance with agreements under any federal unemployment compensation law. See [ORS 657](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/ors/ors657.html). |
| **Unemployment Insurance (UI)** | A fund that is maintained by contributions from employers to the Employment Department. The fund is used to pay [Unemployment Compensation (UC)](#UC). |
| **Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA)** | The model act promulgated by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL) and mandated by section 466(f) of the Social Security Act to be in effect in all states.  |
| **Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act (URESA)** | Has now been superseded by the [Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA)](#UIFSA). Law first promulgated in 1950 which provides a mechanism for establishing, enforcing, and modifying support obligations in interstate cases.  |
| **Uniform Trial Court Rules (UTCR)** | Rules that say how documents and certain actions are handled in court. |
| **Unreimbursed Assistance (URA)** | The cumulative amount of assistance expended on a family or on behalf of a child by a Title IV-A or IV-E agency that will be recovered, in part or in whole, by the collection of assigned support. The total amount of unreimbursed assistance that may be recovered is limited by the total amount of the assigned support obligation. |
| **User Acceptance Testing (UAT)** | Phase of testing where [Subject Matter Experts](#SME) run various scenarios to ensure quality in the design and that system requirements are satisfied.  |
| **Vacate** | To terminate an order so that it becomes null and void, as if it never existed. |
| **Vendor Payment** | Payments made by the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) directly to an entity providing services to a cash assistance client or customer. |
| **Venue** | The county in which a particular lawsuit should be tried. |
| **Veterans Administration (VA)** | The federal agency responsible for the administration of programs for former members of the armed services. Financial and medical benefits are available. |
| **Void** | Having no legal force or binding effect. |
| **Voidable** | Possessing an imperfection or defect that can be cured; that which may be avoided or declared void. |
| **Voluntary Agreement** | A written agreement between the Oregon Child Support Program and the parent or legal guardian of a minor child setting forth a child support agreed amount while the child is voluntarily placed with ODHS. |
| **Voluntary Refund (VR)** | The return of a support payment in a different form other than a check that the Oregon Child Support Program has issued. |
| **Wage Assignment** | A voluntary agreement by an employee to transfer (or assign) portions of future wage payments (e.g., insurance premium deductions, credit union deductions) to pay certain debts, such as child support. |
| **Wage Withholding** | A procedure by which scheduled deductions are automatically made from wages or income to pay a debt, such as child support. Wage withholding often is incorporated into the child support order and may be voluntary or involuntary. The provision dictates that an employer must withhold support from an employee’s wages and transfer that withholding to the appropriate agency ([State Disbursement Unit](#SDU)). Also known as [Income withholding](#IWO) or Direct Income Withholding.  |
| **Waiver of SCRA** | A party who is a [servicemember](#servicemember) may voluntarily waive their known rights to SCRA by completing [CSF 02 0152](http://childsupportcentral/manuals/usepages/csf02/020152.pdf) (Waiver of Servicemembers Civil Relief Act - 50 USC §§ 3901). Refer to [Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) Overview](https://origin.oregonchildsupport.gov/OriginHelp/index.htm#t=Procedures%2FCase_Management%2FServicemembersCivilReliefActSCRAOverview.htm). |
| **Withholder** | Entity responsible to submit income withholding payments to the Oregon Child Support Program when an employer is served with an order to withhold for child support. |
| **Writ of Execution** | A written document directing a sheriff to obtain, hold, and sell personal property such as a car, boat, jewelry, etc. |
| **Writ of Garnishment** | A written document directing a third party to pay over money in their possession that is owed to a creditor to satisfy a judgment which has not been paid. |
| **Wrongful Death Suit** | A lawsuit brought on behalf of a decedent's survivors. |