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OREGON
CHILD SUPPORT
PROGRAM

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Establishment is the process of determining parentage and obtaining a court or administrative order for child support.

For additional information on establishing parentage, see the Parentage brochure.



How Can I Establish a Child Support Order?

You can get a child support order in one of the following ways:

- » File directly in court through an attorney or using self-help forms
- » Enroll for child support services with the Oregon Child Support Program if you are a parent or caretaker
- » Receive child support services from the Oregon Child Support Program based on an agency referral because your child is receiving public assistance from the State of Oregon

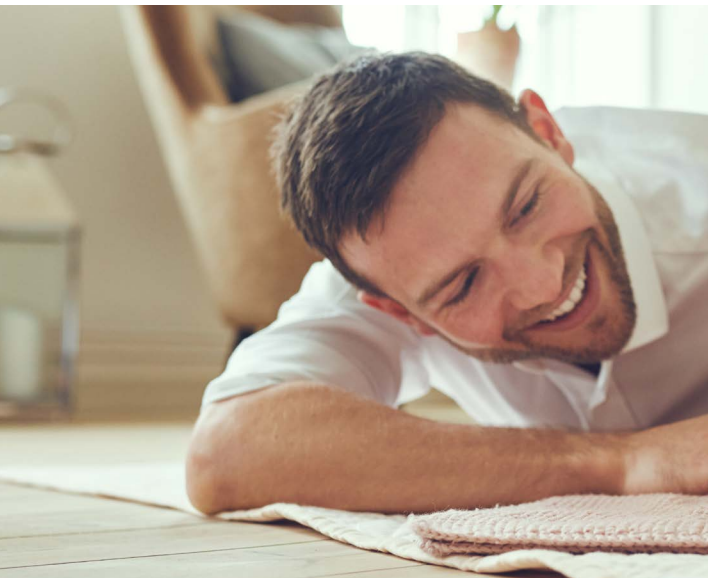
Service of Process

The proposed order must be served on both parents. Each parent has 30 days to respond from the date of service.

Response Options

Once served with the proposed order, you may:

1. Object to the proposed order
 - » If the proposed order contains inaccurate or outdated information, you may contact your case manager to discuss. If appropriate, your case manager may issue an amended proposed order.
 - » If your case manager is unable to address your objections, you may formally request a telephonic hearing with an administrative law judge.
2. Agree to the proposed order
 - » If the parents agree to the proposed order, either parent can contact us to sign consent forms to finalize the order.



3. Provide no response

- » If neither parent responds within 30 days, we will finalize the proposed order.

How Long Does the Establishment Process Take?

This entire process takes about 30 to 120 days but could vary depending on your family's needs. If a parent does not agree with the finalized order filed with the court, they may appeal the order in court.

When Will My Child Support Order Start?

Child support orders legally begin when the order is finalized. Child support accrual begins on the first day of the month in which the order is signed as final.



How is a Child Support Order Established?

The Oregon Child Support Program will determine if there are any existing child support orders between the parents for the child in Oregon, another state, Tribe, or country. If no child support order exists, we can take steps to establish an administrative child support order.

Discovery

If the program is going to establish a child support order, we will:

1. Contact the parents and, if necessary, take steps to locate them
2. Confirm the parents' contact and financial information
3. Obtain evidence or documentation to calculate the child support amount (child care costs, union dues, direct payments, parenting time agreements, etc.)
 - » The discovery process usually takes 30 to 40 days, but the timeframe depends on your case and circumstances

Issue Proposed Order

We use information gathered during discovery to prepare a proposed child support order.

The child support guidelines are the basis for establishing fair and appropriate child support obligations for Oregon's families. See more on our website at OregonChildSupport.gov.



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