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PROGRAM

Parents in Custody

The Oregon Child Support Program provides child support services to both parents who pay support and parents who receive support. We can help:

- » Establish parentage (the child's legal parents)
- » Establish a child support order or make changes to an existing support order
- » Collect and process child support payments

The information below applies if your child support order is from Oregon, or from another jurisdiction and the order has been registered and modified in Oregon.

If you owe past-due support

- » The Oregon Department of Corrections may send payments from your trust account to us to reduce the amount of child support you owe.
- » If you are in the Prison Industry Enhancement Certification Program, we may send an income withholding order for past-due support.

If you will be in custody for at least 180 days

We will issue a notice to you and the other parent to suspend (stop) your child support order if you are unable to pay while in custody.

- » If neither parent objects, your child support order suspends, and you will not have to pay while in custody.
- » If you or the other parent objects, a phone hearing with an administrative law judge will be held about your ability to pay support while in custody.
- » At the hearing, your income and assets will be reviewed. This includes sources like bank accounts, trust funds, rental income, and retirement or investment income.

If you will be in custody for less than 180 days

Your child support order is not automatically suspended.

- » You may ask for your child support order to be reviewed.

If your child support order was modified to \$0 prior to January 1, 2018:

- » Your child support order will restart 61 days after release.
- » The order amount will be what you were paying before entering custody.
- » Ask us to review your case to see if the order amount should be changed.

What happens after you are released

If your child support order was suspended after January 1, 2018:

- » Your monthly child support payment does not start until the first full month after you have been released for 120 days. (Example: If you are released on June 17, your child support would start on November 1. This is because 120 days after June 17 is October 15, and the first full month after October is November.)
- » Your monthly support payment amount will be 50% of what it was before you went into custody. (Example: If your order was \$200 per month before you went into custody, on November 1, it will be \$100 per month.)
- » We will review your case to see if the order amount should be changed based on your new circumstances.
- » Our review will begin within 60 days from when your monthly child support amount starts. (Using the example above with a release date of June 17, we will review before December 31.)
- » During the time we are reviewing your case, it is important you respond to contact from us by phone, email, mail, or your online account to help us decide the right child support amount.

Credit against past-due support during a period of incarceration

If your child support order was not suspended while you were in custody for at least 180 days, you can request a credit for the past-due amounts. The other parent is allowed to object to a change in the amount owed.

Contact information

Please keep us informed of any changes in your contact or employment information.

For questions, contact us at:

Customer Service:

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