

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS RECEIVING CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

Confidentiality of Case Material Information

You have the right to see the parts of your file at the Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) about you and action taken for you by the agency.

You cannot see some parts of your file that are protected by confidentiality laws, such as information obtained from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Information about you in the CSEA file is confidential. However, certain portions of your file become public record when a court is notified about your case.

Hearing Rights

If you disagree with any action, lack of action or delay by the CSEA, you can ask for a state hearing. For a full explanation of your hearing rights and the hearing process, please read the attached JFS 04059, Explanation of State Hearing Procedures.

OWF Participants

As a condition of eligibility to receive OWF benefits, you give up the right to keep child and spousal support up to the amount of assistance you received.

You must cooperate in establishing paternity for each child born, if you were not married to the father.

You must assist the (CSEA) in getting support payments and any other payments.

If you fail to cooperate without good cause (determined by your CSEA), you may be ineligible to receive OWF benefits.

While a family is receiving OWF, support collections are used to repay benefits. When a family leaves OWF, current support and family arrears are released to the family. Payments from the IRS are applied to repay benefits before being applied to support payable to the household.

Medicaid Participants

While Medicaid benefits are received, medical support is paid to ODJFS to reimburse Medicaid benefits. If health insurance is available, that insurance will be used first for payment of medical bills. If you are eligible for Medicaid and are also covered by a health insurance plan, it is your responsibility to notify the physician, hospital or other provider of medical services that you have medical insurance coverage and Medicaid coverage for the uninsured costs.

IV-E Foster Care Participants

If a child receives Title IV-E foster care benefits, the assignment includes current child support during the time the child is eligible for benefits and child support arrearages accruing before and during the time the child is eligible for benefits. Support received that does not exceed foster care maintenance payments is distributed to reimburse Title IV-E benefits. When IV-E foster care maintenance benefits stop, the assignment of support rights terminates, except for the amount of any unpaid support that accrued under the assignment.

The CSEA Can Assist You With the Following Available Services:

1. **Location of Absent Parent(s)** including “Location Only Services”: If the sole need is to find the absent parent.
2. **Establishing Paternity:** Obtaining an order to establish paternity if you were not married to the father of the child. An absent parent may also request paternity services.
3. **Establishment of Child Support and Medical Support:** The CSEA can help with the establishment of an order for child support and medical support if you are separated, living apart, or need to establish paternity.
4. **Enforcement of Existing Orders:** Current support and back child support.
5. **Federal and State Income Tax Refund Offset:** Intercepting a payor’s federal and state income tax refunds.
6. **Withholding of Various Types of Income:** Payroll deductions for current and back support.
7. **Collection and Disbursement of Payments:** Collect support payments and send to you the amount of support payments received.
8. **Interstate Collection of Support:** Can assist you if the payor is living in another state or in some foreign countries.
9. **Review and Adjustment of Child Support Orders:** Each party to the support order has a right to request a review of the child support and medical support order thirty-six (36) months from the establishment of the order or from the date of the most recent review, or sooner, if certain circumstances are met. Contact the CSEA for further details.

Fees:

There is an application fee of one dollar for applicants not receiving OWF, Medicaid, or IV-E foster care benefits. The application fee may be absorbed by the CSEA.

There is no charge to recipients of OWF, Medicaid, and IV-E foster care.

Child Support Overpayments:

An overpayment is child support that you are not entitled to keep because:

You have assigned (transferred) your rights to support to ODJFS.

The payment was made to you instead of ODJFS.

The payment was sent to you in error by ODJFS.

I understand that I am personally liable for returning any amounts paid to me in error, including amounts that must be returned because IRS or the Ohio Department of Taxation (ODT) accepts an amended tax return or complaint from the non-obligated spouse. I also understand that, in tax refund situations, I may be required to sign an affidavit attesting to the amount of support arrears.