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Klamath Tribes Judiciary
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The Child Support Enforcement Office is the tribal agency which administers tribal, state and federal child support laws. The following services are offered to help tribal families:

- ◆ **Locating Noncustodial and Custodial Parents**
- ◆ **Establishing Paternity**
- ◆ **Establishing, Modifying & Terminating Child Support Orders**
- ◆ **Collecting and Processing Child Support Payments**
- ◆ **Working With Other Tribes, States and Countries to Collect Child Support**



“Every child needs the love, care, medical and financial support of both parents.”



CONTINUED - HOW WILL THE TRIBE'S CSE OFFICE COLLECT ON MY SUPPORT ORDER?

◆ GARNISHMENT OF OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS

If the noncustodial parent has checking accounts, savings accounts or investment accounts, our Office can attach these assets. Retirement benefits can also be attached.

◆ LIENS ON PERSONAL PROPERTY

Our Office can place a lien on any personal property the noncustodial parent owns.

THE TRIBE'S CSE OFFICE'S OTHER MEANS OF ENFORCEMENT

◆ SHOW CAUSE HEARING

Our Office may schedule a hearing to request the noncustodial parent to appear and to show cause why they did not comply with the support order. The Tribal Courts may use a contempt action with fines to enforce the support order.

◆ DENIAL OF A PASSPORT

Our Office may initiate a request through the State CSE Office to the Secretary of State who may revoke, restrict, or limit a passport previously issued to an individual. A first time applicant may be denied due to owing past child support.



CONTINUED - QUESTIONS REGARDING COLLECTION ON MY CHILD SUPPORT ORDER

- ◆ *My daughter's father says that since he gives her gifts and money he doesn't have to pay child support. Is this true?*

An order for support specifies how support is to be paid and gifts or payments made outside the order are generally not considered a credit against the ordered child support amount. If the noncustodial parent is not paying as ordered, check with our Office about enforcing the order.

- ◆ *My children are over eighteen (18) and do not get child support anymore. There is still a \$10,000 arrearage owed to me for support that was never paid. Will the Child Support Enforcement Office collect that money for me?*

Our Office has statutes and limitations on orders that were taken under the Tribes Child Support Ordinance. However, if the order is from another jurisdiction, our Office will use whatever statute has a lengthy dead line for purposes of that order.

- ◆ *I am getting a divorce and my spouse wants me to pay child support directly to her. Can I insist on paying through the Child Support Enforcement Office?*

YES. As a noncustodial parent you can apply for services through our Office and we will enforce the order and track the payments being made.



PROCESSING CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN COLLECTED

◆ *What happens to the child support when I am on tribal TANF?*

If you are on tribal cash assistance, you have already assigned your rights to child support over to the tribal social services program.

If after you get off TANF and an excess of funds were paid to the social services program, a refund will be given to you.

◆ *What happens to the child support when I am off tribal TANF?*

Once you are off tribal TANF, the child support payment will all go to you. If there are arrears owing either to you or tribal TANF, any overpayment or tax refund will be applied to satisfy these debts.

◆ *What happens to the money when the noncustodial parent owes on an older child support order for other children and there are now two (2) employer income withholding?*

The employer will apportion the required income to be withheld between the two (2) withholding orders.

LOVE AND SUPPORT YOUR CHILD

There is clear and convincing evidence that children benefit greatly if both parents are actively involved in their lives. It is critical to children as they grow and develop. Mothers and fathers bring different, but equally important, qualities to their children.

Children need safe places to live, nourishing food, education, and a solid foundation of values. Bringing a child into the world means making a commitment to care for him or her throughout childhood—ensuring the best possible environment to grow in.



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