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## Klamath Tribes Judiciary Child Support Enforcement Office


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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."*





## ESTABLISHING PATERNITY

- ◆ What was your relationship with the alleged father before and after the birth of the child?
- ◆ Is the alleged father's name on the child's birth record?
- ◆ Has the alleged father ever provided financial support for the child?
- ◆ Has the alleged father ever acknowledged through letters or gifts that the child was his?
- ◆ Do you have a picture of the alleged father with the child?
- ◆ Do you have information from others who could confirm the alleged father's relationship with you and/or the child?





## GENETIC TESTING WHEN SPECIMENS NOT AVAILABLE

- ◆ If genetic testing specimen is not available from a man who is an “alleged father” of the child, the Office or the Court may order the following individuals to submit specimens for genetic testing:
  - The parents of the man
  - Brothers and sisters of the man
  - Other children of the man and their mothers
  - Other relatives of the man necessary to complete genetic testing

## GENETIC TESTING RESULTS?

- ◆ The “alleged father” is rebuttably identified as the father of the child if the genetic testing results disclose that:
  - The man has at least a 99% probability of paternity.







## QUESTIONS REGARDING “PATERNITY”

- ◆ ***My child’s father wants to declare paternity. Is there an easy way for him to do this?***

YES, the Office has an Acknowledgement of Paternity form in which both the mother and father sign, and which will establish paternity.

- ◆ ***My baby’s father lives out of state. Can I still have paternity established?***

YES. For example, if the baby was conceived in our state, on the Klamath Tribal lands, if the father used to live here, or if there is another basis for exercising personal jurisdiction, the Office can claim “long arm” jurisdiction over him and require he appear for paternity establishment. Or the Office can petition the state where he lives to establish paternity.

- ◆ ***My boyfriend is on a military base abroad and I am about to have his baby, How can I establish paternity?***

The “alleged father” can be sent a document where he can voluntarily acknowledge paternity. If the man is on a naval ship or abroad and will not acknowledge paternity, you may have to wait for him to return home to obtain genetic tests.



## 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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