

# CHILD SUPPORT: How To Get It

If you do not receive child support for your children, there are things you can do to apply for or enforce a child support order.

## **If there is no existing order setting child support . . .**

You can apply for help from the Child Support Enforcement Division (CSED). Many times, if you receive ATAP, Food Stamps, or other public assistance, the State will apply for CSED services for you. However, you do not have to receive public benefits to use CSED. There is no fee for CSED services.

An application for CSED assistance is attached. You can apply for child support for the children that currently live with you. Be sure to provide as much information about the other parent as possible. If you have an affidavit of paternity or copy of the birth certificate with the other parent's name on it, you might want to send a copy with your application. You must also complete the Affidavit of Support Received, even if you haven't received any alimony or child support. Remember — if your application is not complete, it could delay the processing of your application.

## **If you have a court order setting child support . . .**

You can still ask for help from CSED. You will need to send a copy of the court (i.e. divorce decree, custody and support order, etc.) with your application. You must also complete the Affidavit of Support Received, even if you haven't received any alimony or child support. Be sure to answer all the questions on the application, so that there is no delay in processing it. There is no fee for CSED services.

## **If you are a victim of domestic violence . . .**

You can request that CSED not release information about where you live or other personal information. You must complete the Affidavit and Request for Address Confidentiality. Also, send copies of any protective orders you have received (even if they have expired), police reports from past incidents of violence, and any other evidence you might have of why you might be in danger from the other parent.

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