Answers to Your Questions About

Child Support Enforcement

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What is child support?

Child support is an amount of money ordered by the court or by a county child support enforcement unit to be paid by one parent to the other.

What information is needed to collect child support?

Obtain as much of the following information as possible about the parent from whom you are seeking support:

- social security number
- date of birth
- address
- name of employer
- bank account number

Where can you find this information?

- state and federal tax returns
- unemployment records
- hospital and medical records
- pay stubs
- military records
- insurance policies

Is it possible to collect child support on your own?

While the collection of child support may be difficult to accomplish on your own, the clerk of court has a packet of forms that may assist you in considering your options. In addition, the child support enforcement unit in your county can assist in locating the absent parent, enforcing child support court orders, and collecting the child support payment.

What is the Child Support Enforcement Program?

This program was established to locate absent parents and to get from them financial support for their children. The Child Support Enforcement Unit in your county provides the following services:

- locates non-custodial parents and their assets
- establishes paternity
- establishes and modifies child support and medical support orders
- enforces child support orders and collects child support payments
- enforces medical support orders

There is a one-time application fee of \$20. This fee may be waived by the county child support enforcement unit in the case of hardship. *Any parent* with minor children who needs or is owed child support can apply for child support enforcement services. The phone number for the child support enforcement unit in your county is printed on the back of this brochure.

How does the Child Support Enforcement Unit locate an absent parent?

The Child Support Enforcement Unit will attempt to find the absent parent through various federal, state, and local agencies, such as:

- Social Security Administration
- Internal Revenue Service
- Colorado Department of Labor and Employment
- Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles
- Veterans Administration

What enforcement remedies are available to collect child support?

- Income withholding
- Driver's license suspension
- Garnishment of wages and bank accounts
- Interception of federal and state income tax refunds
- Interception of unemployment compensation benefits
- Lottery winnings
- Assignment of workers' compensation benefits
- Liens placed on personal and real property
- Notification of child support debts to consumer reporting agencies
- Professional, occupational, and recreational license suspension
- New hire reporting

Child Support Enforcement Units In Colorado Counties

Adams County (303) 227-2233	Dolores County	Lake County	Pitkin County
	(970) 677-2240	(719) 486-1673	(970) 945-9191
Alamosa County	Douglas County	La Plata County	Prowers County (719) 336-7486
(719) 589-2581	(720) 874-8700	(970) 382-6144	
Arapahoe County	Eagle County	Larimer County	Pueblo County
(720) 895-8700	(970) 328-8851	(970) 498-6458	(719) 583-6926
Archuleta County	El Paso County	Las Animas County	Rio Blanco
(970) 264-2182	(719) 381-4000	(719) 846-2276	(970) 878-5011
Baca County	Elbert County	Lincoln County	Rio Grande
(719) 523-4131	(720) 895-8700	(720) 895-8700	(719) 657-3381
Bent County (719) 456-2620	Fremont County (719) 275-2318	Logan County (970) 522-2194	Routt County (970) 879-1540
Boulder County (303) 678-6300	Garfield County	Mesa County	Saguache County
	(970) 945-9191	(970) 248-2780	(719) 655-2537
Chaffee County	Gilpin County	Mineral County	San Juan County (970) 382-6144
(719) 539-6627	(303) 271-4300	(719) 657-3381	
Cheyenne County	Grand County	Moffat County	San Miguel County (970) 874-2063
(719) 767-5629	(970) 725-3331	(970) 824-8282	
Clear Creek	Gunnison County	Montezuma County	Sedgwick County
(303) 271-4300	(970) 641-3244	(970) 565-3769	(970) 474-3397
Conejos County	Hinsdale County	Montrose County	Summit County (970) 668-4100
(719) 376-5455	(970) 641-3244	(970) 252-4200	
Costilla County	Huerfano County	Morgan County	Teller County
(719) 672-4131	(719) 738-2810	(970) 542-3530	(719) 381-4000
Crowley County	Jackson County	Otero County	Washington County (970) 345-2238
(719) 267-3546	(970) 723-4750	(719) 383-3100	
Custer County	Jefferson County	Ouray County	Weld County
(719) 783-2371	(303) 271-4300	(970) 252-4200	(970) 352-6933
Delta County	Kiowa County	Park County	Yuma County
(970) 874-2063	(719) 438-5541	(719) 275-2318	(970) 332-4877
Denver County	Kit Carson County	Phillips County	
(720) 944-2960	(719) 346-8732	(970) 474-3397	