



Child Support Terms and Definitions

ARREARS - Past due, unpaid support* owed by the Obligor to the Oblige, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, or another State. *support could include: Child, Spousal, Genetic Testing, Birthing Expense.

CALCULATION - To compute the actual balance of your Support Order. This is done by determining what should have been paid per all child Support Orders, and then comparing that with what actually was paid by the Obligor according to the records of the CSEA.

CARETAKER - A person other than the biological parents who has assumed legal custody of the child(ren) through the court system.

CASE MANAGER - The CSEA worker in which your case is assigned. Each case is handled by both a Case Manager and a Case Manager Assistant, either of these individuals can address your specific needs.

CURRENT CHILD SUPPORT - The amount of money, ordered by the court or administrative process, owed by the Obligor for the support of the child(ren). This is a monthly obligation.

CSEA - Fairfield County Child Support Enforcement Agency

CUSTODY ORDER - A court issued legally binding document that establishes with whom the child(ren) shall reside.

DEFAULT - When a child support obligation has fallen behind in the payment schedule equal to one month's current support obligation.

EMANCIPATION - Termination of the current Support Order, usually due to the child reaching age of majority (18 years old) and graduating from high school, or 19 years old, whichever is later.

INCOME WITHHOLDING (NOIW) - A wage garnishment sent by the CSEA to an income source of an Obligor. (See the Income Withholding information sheet).

NON-RESIDENTIAL PARENT - See OBLIGOR.

OBLIGOR - Any person ordered to pay child support. Also known as the PAYOR, NON-RESIDENTIAL PARENT or NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT.

OBLIGEE - Any person to whom child support is owed. Also known as the PAYEE, RESIDENTIAL PARENT or CUSTODIAL PARENT.

ORDER/SUPPORT ORDER - A document specifying any support obligations, including medical coverage. Also known as an ENTRY.

PATERNITY - Legal determination of fatherhood. May be done through genetic testing, voluntary acknowledgement, or through the courts. Paternity must be established before child or medical support can be ordered.

PROCESSING CHARGE - Service fee assessed to cover the cost of posting and disbursing payments. Formerly known as POUNDAGE.

RESIDENTIAL PARENT - See OBLIGEE.

SETS - Support Enforcement Tracking System. The federally mandated computer system used by the State of Ohio. Every case is assigned a 10 digit case number in the State of Ohio SETS system that begins with a "70".

TOTAL SUPPORT OBLIGATION - Total of the monthly child support obligations including payment on arrears and processing charge.