# CAN PARENTING TIME BE DENIED IF A PARENT DOESN'T PAY SUPPORT?

No, parenting time and child support are two separate legal issues. Consult an attorney if you have questions regarding parenting time or custody. Likewise, child support is not suspended if parenting time is withheld or not exercised.

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY CONTACT INFORMATION

Montgomery County Child Support Enforcement Agency 1111 S Edwin C Moses Blvd, Dayton, Ohio 45417 937-225-4600

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# CHILD SUPPORT

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# WHO PAYS CHILD SUPPORT?

If you and your child's other parent live separately, the Court or Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) may require you to pay child support. Child support is money that you pay or the other parent pays to meet your child's financial needs (typically housing, food, and clothing etc). The Court or CSEA decides the child support amount based on your income, the other parent's income, expenses for the child (including child care and health insurance), and the amount of time you parent the child.

The parent ordered to pay child support is commonly referred to as the Obligor, while the person receiving the child support is the Obligee. The Obligor is ordered to pay child support to the Obligee in a monthly amount. These payments are required to be paid through the child support enforcement agency, and not directly to the Obligee. Generally, the non-custodial parent will be deemed the Obligor who pays child support to the custodial parent Obligee. Parents with a shared parenting agreement may also be required to pay child support.

# HOW IS SUPPORT CALCULATED?

Ohio uses an Income Shares model, which assumes that each parent should share in the responsibility for the financial support of the child, in proportion to their income. This formula is designed and based upon the idea that the child is entitled to the same level of financial resources that they would have received if the parents remained together with combined financial resources. This is accomplished by calculating each parent's financial share for the support of the child, based on their income and adjustments, using a guideline calculation worksheet. The quideline child support calculation is set by law, required to be run in every case, and presumed to be correct unless proven otherwise. Some of the factors taken into consideration in addition to the incomes of each parent are: other children who are entitled to support from each parent, costs of medical insurance, and child care expenses.

# HOW LONG DOES CHILD SUPPORT LAST?

In most cases, the current child support order terminates when the child graduates from an accredited high school, or when the child turns 18, whichever comes later.

A child support order can also terminate for other reasons provided in Ohio Revised Code 3119.88.

The termination of the current child support order does not prevent the collection of past due child support amounts.

#### CAN A CHILD SUPPORT ORDER BE MODIFIED?

Child support payment amounts can be modified in 2 ways:

- Request a CSEA review; or
- File a motion in court

Either parent or guardian can ask for a change in the order through the CSEA. Child support orders can be reviewed every 36 months from the date the order was established or the date of the last review. Significant changes in income may also be a basis for review and adjustment.

<u>"Review"</u> means a caseworker looks at both parties' income and information to see if child support should be changed or if health insurance should be added or changed. <u>"Adjustment"</u> means an upward or downward change in the amount of child support based on the application of the Ohio guidelines. It also means adding or changing provisions for the child(ren)'s health care needs through health insurance.

You may also contact your county CSEA using the link above or by telephone at 1 800 686 1556. If you are eligible, you may attach relevant documents to establish your income and/or a change of circumstances. You then submit the forms and documents to the CSEA in the county where the order was issued.

Alternatively, You can file the motion in the Court where the order originated. The court may adjust your child support based on a significant change of circumstances or even deviate from the Child Support Guidelines if certain exceptional conditions are demonstrated. You may do this without an attorney, but proceedings can be complicated and an attorney may be able to assist and advise you during the process.