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FAMILY MEDIATION & PARALEGAL SERVICES

Child Support

Your children have the legal right to financial support from both parents, and you both have the legal responsibility to provide this support.

A separation or divorce does not change that ongoing obligation.

Child support must be paid. It is the right of the Child

Parents **must** pay child support even if they:

- Do not live with the children
- Do not see the children

Child support is usually for dependent children, which means children under the age of 18 or children over the age of 18 who are not independent because they are in school full time or have an illness or disability that does not allow them to become independent.

The amount of child support depends on the:

- Gross income (the amount of pay before taxes and deductions) of the person who pays child support
- Number of children
- Child Support Guidelines, which are a set of rules and tables for calculating the amount of support that a paying parent should pay.

A parent cannot be denied access to their child because they do not pay child support.

A parent who does not have access may still have to pay child support.