For more information on the child support program, or to apply for child support services, call your local DSS office.

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (DSS) REGIONAL OFFICES

Bridgeport: 925 Housatonic Avenue; 203-551-2703

Danbury: 342 Main Street; 203-207-8986

Hartford: 20 Meadow Road, Windsor; 860-723-1002 Manchester: 699 East Middle Turnpike; 860-647-5913 Middletown: 2018 S. Main St., Suite B; 860-704-3100

New Britain: 30 Christian Lane; 860-612-3400
New Haven: 50 Humphrey Street; 203-974-8248
Norwich: 401 W. Thames, Unit 102; 860-823-3325
Stamford: 1642 Bedford Street; 203-251-9417
Torrington: 62 Commercial Blvd.; 860-496-6944
Waterbury: 132 Thomaston Avenue; 203-597-4171
Willimantic: Tyler Square 1320 Main St.; 860-465-3590

Hearing or speech impairment: Dial 7-1-1

For questions about the enforcement of your case, call the Judicial SES office responsible for your order or e-mail us 24 hours a day by accessing the SES website:

www.jud.ct.gov/childsupport

## SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT SERVICES (SES)

## **REGIONAL OFFICES**

Call Center: 1-800-228-KIDS (toll free)

Bridgeport: One Lafayette Circle; 203-576-3670

Danbury: 71 Main Street; 203-731-2940 Hartford: 999 Asylum Avenue; 860-566-8723 Middletown: 1 Court Street; 860-344-2957 New Britain: 20 Franklin Square; 860-515-5300

New Haven: 414A Chapel Street; 203-789-7485 Norwich: 99 Main Street; 860-886-2694 Putnam: 265 Kennedy Drive; 860-963-2580 Rockville: 26 Park Street; 860-896-2400 Stamford: 123 Hoyt Street; 203-965-5730 Waterbury: 11 Scovill Street; 203-596-4188 More services to help answer your questions, call

1-888-233-7223

## **CHILD SUPPORT INFORMATION LINE**

- automated up-to-date information about your case
- simply access your account by entering your social security number
- knowledgeable staff is available to answer questions or concerns about your child support payments from 8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday to Friday

## **DIRECT DEPOSIT**

Our direct deposit program makes sure that you get your child support payments faster. You will not have to make trips to the bank or wait in long lines.

You can have your money deposited in your:

- · checking account
- · savings account
- Connecticut child support debit card

We can help you set up your Connecticut Debit Card!

Check out these WEBSITES for more information!

www.ct.gov/dss

www.ctchildsupport.com

# A Brief Guide to Child Support Services In Connecticut

Kids... the of what we do
Office of Chi ld Support Services
Connecticut Department of Social Services

The State of Connecticut's child support program is designed to get your child the financial and medical support he or she deserves, in recognition that both parents are responsible for supporting their children.

This pamphlet provides an overview of Connecticut's child support services. The more you know about child support, the more you can help us help your child.

If you have any questions please call your child support worker, or our automated telephone help line, 1-888-233-7223.

Patrick L. Carroll, III
Chief Court Administrator
Judicial Branch



Deidre S.Gifford,MD,MPH Commissioner Department of Social Services

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The Department of Social Services' programs are available to all applicants and recipients without regard to race, color, creed, gender, sexual orientation, age, disabilities, learning disabilities, national origin, ancestry or language barriers.

For persons with a hearing or speech impairment, Dial 7 1 1.

Auxiliary aids are also available for blind or visually impaired persons.

The State of Connecticut is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer.

### Children are at the heart of what we do.

## Both parents play an important role in raising a healthy child.

As parents, you have equal rights to be informed and have access to services that will assist you in providing support for your children.

Regular child support payments help families meet their children's daily needs, including food, shelter and health care.

When you receive child support services you have these responsibilities

#### You must ...

- provide all information that you can about the other parent
- assign your rights to ongoing support while you receive cash assistance
- provide bills for day care and/or unreimbursed medical expenses to the parent under court order to pay

## You may...

- be required testify at a hearing for paternity and support
- be denied cash benefits if you apply for cash assistance and you do not provide information to help process your case
- be exempt from cooperation requirements in exceptional circumstances and situations involving domestic violence

The Connecticut DSS Office of Child Support Services (OCSS) and Judicial Branch Support Enforcement Services (SES) work together, with legal assistance from the Office of the Attorney General, to provide child support services to families.

### OCSS services include:

- taking your application
- locating the noncustodial parent
- establishing paternity
- establishing financial, medical and child care orders

## Programs that help OCSS collect past-due child support payments include:

- · credit bureau reporting
- · interception of lottery winnings
- state and federal tax interception
- liens against real estate and personal property
- · seizure of financial assets
- passport denial



## SES services include:

- enforcing your financial, medical and child care orders
- reviewing and/or modifying your financial, medical and/or child care orders

Either parent can request a review of the support order to see if it should be changed.

Requests for a review should be made to your local SES office.

Child support services can be provided in most cases even if the other parent does not live in Connecticut.