

Assistance with Child Support Collection and Enforcement

Georgia's Office of Child Support Collection and Enforcement

www.ocse.dhr.georgia.gov

Office of Child Support Services (OCSS) services are available to Georgia parents who need assistance. Any parent may apply at the OCSS office that serves his/her county, or online at www.ocse.dhr.georgia.gov

There is an application fee of \$25, but it is free for recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

Child Support Services Include:

- Locating non-custodial parents;
- Establishing paternity;
- Establishing and enforcing child support orders;
- Establishing and enforcing medical support orders;
- Collecting and distributing support payments.

Collection and Services Tools Available to OCSS:

- Withholding child support from paychecks or unemployment benefits;
- Intercepting federal and/or state income tax refunds to pay child support arrears;
- Garnishing workers' compensation benefits;
- Reporting parents owing more than \$1,000 in child support payments to credit bureaus;
- Suspending or revoking driver's, professional or occupational licenses for failure to pay child support;
- Reviewing and modifying child support orders periodically;
- Intercepting lottery winnings of more than \$2,500;
- Filing contempt of court actions which may result in a jail sentence if the non-custodial parent is found in contempt;
- Filing liens and levy on tangible or intangible property;
- Suspending passports for failure to pay \$2,500 or more;
- Seizing bank accounts after notice.

To apply for services

To apply for services, go to www.ocse.dhr.georgia.gov on the left column you will see "Apply for services" and then follow the instructions from that point.

To locate local office

To locate local office, go to www.ocse.dhr.georgia.gov on the left column you will see "About OCSS". Select that option and then choose "Office Locations". When you get to "Office Locations", select either your city or county by using the drop down boxes.

