



## Importance of Paying Child Support From the Beginning



The law states that both parents are mutually responsible for the support of their child. By paying child support in a timely manner, your child's future will be more secure with a greater likelihood that he/she will succeed.

### ■ Every child has the right to be supported by his/her parents:

- Until the age of 18;
  - Unless he/she marries;
  - Unless legally emancipated; or,
  - Until he/she finishes high school or reaches age 19, whichever comes first.

### ■ If you pay your support in a timely manner and do not owe back child support:

- Your child will obtain the basic necessities required to have a healthy and positive future.
- Your unemployment, disability and workers compensation benefits will not be garnished.
- You will not have to pay interest on missed payments.
- Your IRS, state tax refunds and lottery winnings may not be intercepted.
- The funds in your bank account will not be taken.
- You will be able to keep your driver license, business and other professional licenses.
- The court will not force you to seek work or hold you in contempt.

Although the wage garnishment (Income Withholding for Support) takes effect immediately, it may take time for the employer to deduct and send the first payment. **To be sure arrears and interest do not accrue, payment should be made by the non-custodial parent until the withholding goes into effect.**

*Help your child secure the bright future he/she deserves!*

### What are the benefits of two parents being involved in a child's life?

- Lower Rates of Teen Pregnancy
- Less Violent Behavior
- Less likely to grow up in poverty
- Greater Social Interaction with Friends
- Improved health
- Improved grades
- Increased focus in school
- Lower probability to do drugs/drink alcohol at a young age



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