



Where Does Your Child Support Go?

Child support paid by non-custodial parents allows hundreds of thousands of California children and families to remain self-sufficient. The support payments also go towards recovering the funds expended by the government when a child is receiving public assistance.

If you are a non-custodial parent have you ever wondered....

■ Where does my child support go?

If your child is receiving public assistance, the payment is applied to recover the costs for the funds expended by the government. If your child is not receiving public assistance, the payment goes to the custodial party.

■ I pay \$400 each month, why does the custodial party receive only \$50?

When a child is receiving public assistance, the custodial party is only entitled to receive up to \$50 (called a "Disregard") from the total child support paid for the month. The rest of the child support amount goes towards recovering public assistance funds.

■ Why does my past due balance go up? I make a \$50 payment each month towards my past due balance.

Pursuant to California law, if you have a past due balance, 10% annual interest is charged. If the past due balance is more than \$6,000, the monthly amount of interest is more than the \$50 you pay each month.

■ The Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) intercepted \$1000 from my IRS tax refund and the custodial party did not receive anything. Where did my money go?

The IRS tax intercepts are applied to past due support only. If there is a past due balance owed to the state, the IRS tax intercept is applied to this balance and the custodial party does not receive any money.

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

Why Does it Cost So Much to Raise A Child?

Money is Needed For:

Housing
Utilities
Clothing
Diapers
Formula
Meals
Extra Curricular Activities
Daycare
Dental/Medical
Transportation
Miscellaneous Items

Average Annual Cost for a Single Parent Family to Raise a Child in California¹:

\$59,732

¹ "Making Ends Meet: How Much Does it Cost to Raise a Family in California?" CA Budget Project, October 2007.



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