

# Child Support Resources

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## CHILD SUPPORT OVERVIEW

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**Child support** is an ongoing, periodic payment made by a parent for the financial benefit of a child following the end of a marriage or relationship. Child support is based on the policy that both parents are obliged to financially support their children, even when the children are not living with both parents. Child support includes the financial support of children and not other forms of support, such as emotional support, intellectual support, physical care, or spiritual support.

Every parent has an obligation to support his or her child. Under this obligation, both parents are expected to share the responsibility for their children's expenses including food, clothing, shelter, medical, and ordinary educational needs.

Once a child support order has been established, the payee is responsible for maintenance and timely full payments. It is important to remain in compliance with established orders. Each state has its own compliance and administrative agency that oversees child support obligations. If you need assistance with establishment, modification, or maintenance of an order the following information is available by states in the Southeast.

## ALABAMA

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### Alabama Department of Human Resources

Center for Communications

Gordon Persons Building, Suite 2104

50 North Ripley St

Montgomery, AL 36130

334-242-1310

Fax: 334-353-1115

[www.dhr.alabama.gov](http://www.dhr.alabama.gov)



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PO Box 118 \* Wetumpka AL, 36092 \* 334-567-2252 \* 866-532-7660

[www.alabamaparentcenter.com](http://www.alabamaparentcenter.com)

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### Alabama Administrative Office of the Courts

300 Dexter Ave

Montgomery, AL 36104

334-954-500

1 866-954-9411

[www.alacourt.gov](http://www.alacourt.gov)

## GEORGIA

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### Georgia Department of Human Services

2 Peach Street, NW

Atlanta, GA 30303

404-651-6316

[www.dcss.dhr.georgia.gov](http://www.dcss.dhr.georgia.gov)

[CustomerService@dhr.georgia.gov](mailto:CustomerService@dhr.georgia.gov)

### Georgia Administrative Office of the Courts

244 Washington Street SW, Suite 300

Atlanta, GA 30334

404-656-5171

[www.georgiacourts.org](http://www.georgiacourts.org)

## FLORIDA

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### Florida Department of Human Services

P. O. Box 1770

Ocala, FL 34478-1770

1-866-762-2237

[www.myflfamilies.com](http://www.myflfamilies.com)

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## Office of Florida Courts

500 South Duval Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1900

[www.flcourts.org](http://www.flcourts.org)

[osca@flcourts.org](mailto:osca@flcourts.org)

## MISSISSIPPI

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### Mississippi Department of Human Services

5959 I-59 Frontage Road, Suite C

Jackson, MS 39213

601-321-3931

[www.mdhs.state.ms.us](http://www.mdhs.state.ms.us)

### State of Mississippi Judiciary

P O Box 117

Jackson, MS 39205

601-576-4630

Fax: 601-567-4639

<https://courts.ms.gov/aoc>

## TENNESSEE

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### Tennessee Department of Human Services

400 Deaderick Street, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor

Nashville, TN 37243-1403

615-313-4700

[www.th.gov/humanserv/cs](http://www.th.gov/humanserv/cs)

## Tennessee State Courts

511 Union Street, Suite 600

Nashville, TN 37219

615-741-2687

800-448-7970

[www.tsc.state.tn.us](http://www.tsc.state.tn.us)

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For all other states the following link is provided:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/css>

APEC provides free training, information, and consultation to families. Visit our training calendar for more information about learning opportunities at [www.alabamaparentcenter.com](http://www.alabamaparentcenter.com) or call our center.

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