

EASTERN SIERRA CHILD SUPPORT

Fact Sheet for CalWORKS Recipients

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The mission of the California Child Support Services Program is to enhance the well-being of children and the self-sufficiency of families by providing professional services to locate parents, establish paternity and establish and enforce orders for financial and medical support.

Am I required to open a child support case?

Yes, all CalWORKS and Foster Care cases are referred to child support for case opening unless a good cause determination has been made.

What is a good cause determination?

Social Services may make a good cause finding regarding your case due to family violence or for family reunification purposes. If good cause is granted you are not required to open a child support case.

What is establishing paternity?

Establishing paternity is the process of determining the legal father of a child, and is necessary before child support may be ordered by the court. IF paternity has not been established by court order or marriage, the child support agency can assist with providing genetic testing, obtaining a court order, or by assisting parents with completing a Declaration of Paternity form.

What will happen if I do not cooperate with child support?

Your aid may be suspended.



What If I do not want a child support case?

Child Support is required by law to open a case to collect aid dollars distributed to needy families and acts as a recoupment of funds from the absent parent to offset taxpayer dollars expended. When you apply for public assistance and are approved, your rights to child support are assigned to the county for the time period you and the child(ren) receive aid. Child Support is Required to:

- Locate Parents
- Establish Paternity
- Establish a child support order
- Obtain health insurance coverage
- Enforce child support orders made

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us...

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