

HOW DO I GET CHILD SUPPORT FOR MY CHILDREN?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. Do I need to do more than file a petition for Dissolution or a Petition to Establish Parentage?

A. Yes. You will need to apply for a temporary support order from the court. Otherwise, you may not be entitled to any child support until after the judgment is final.

Q. If I want to get temporary support, how can I get help?

A. There are several ways you can get assistance:

- You can request temporary child support with the help of an attorney or by yourself. An *Order to Show Cause* [OSC] requesting child support must be prepared, filed with the court, and properly served on the other party or parties.
- You can obtain information and assistance in filling out the forms from the Office of the Family Law Facilitator*. Services are available at no cost. The Facilitator's office is located in room 212 in the Ukiah Courthouse, and one day per month at the Fort Bragg Justice Center. Call (707) 463-5666 for an appointment.
- You can contact the District Attorney Family Support Division. The Family Support Division offers no cost assistance in establishing child support orders. For further information visit the office located at 107 South State Street, Ukiah or, call (707) 463-4216. The toll-free phone from anywhere in Mendocino County is (800) 669-7477.

* *The Family Law Facilitator cannot give you legal advice or represent you in court.*