

STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

APPLICATION FOR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

It is this agency's desire to act in the best interest of you and your child(ren) at all times. Therefore, we want to give you some important information regarding how your case will be handled.

INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW

- You must notify us immediately if you move or change your telephone number.
- Your cooperation is required.
- You must return any money sent to you in error.
- You must notify us in writing if you wish to cancel services.

WE CAN ATTEMPT TO

- Locate a parent whose whereabouts are unknown,
- Establish paternity for a child,
- Establish and enforce court orders for child support payments, unpaid medical bills, and/or medical insurance,
- Review and modify child support orders, and
- Collect child support arrears using a variety of enforcement methods, including intercepting federal income tax refunds.

WE CANNOT

- Guarantee that our attempts to establish or enforce child support will be successful,
- Handle matters that are not related to child support such as divorce, visitation or custody disputes, or
- Give your case priority over any other cases we have.

AFTER WE RECEIVE YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION, WE WILL

- Review your case,
- Decide the proper action to take on your case, and
- Make every effort to provide the needed service.

IN ADDITION

- We will contact you if we need additional information from you, and to inform you of appointments and court hearing dates.
- Your signature on the application form indicates your agreement that the agency may file a legal action in your case and may close your case if you do not cooperate.
- Our attorneys represent the State of Tennessee. They will help provide you with child support services, but they do not represent you or any other individual.
- Case information will be given out only for child support purposes.
- All child support payments will be processed through the State Disbursement Unit in Nashville, Tennessee.

State of Tennessee Department of Human Services Information Gathering Letter

In accordance with federal law and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, contact HHS. Write HHS, Director, Office for Civil Rights, Room 506-F, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201 or call (202) 619-0403 (Voice) or (202) 619-3257 (TTY). HHS are equal opportunity providers and employers. You may also write Tennessee, DHS, Civil Rights Compliance Officer, Citizens Plaza Building, 400 Deaderick Street 15th Floor, Nashville, TN 37243, (615) 313-4748.

NOTE: Each individual's Social Security number (SSN) is a critical part of case processing. Based on section 466(a)(13) of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 666(a)(13)], you are required to disclose Social Security numbers to the child support agency. They will be used by the State's child support enforcement program to locate individuals for the purposes of establishing paternity and establishing, modifying, and enforcing support obligations. It is possible that your SSN and those of the child(ren) will be used to file interstate child support enforcement actions and to enroll the child(ren) as beneficiaries of health insurance coverage, and, as such, may be released to the other parent. The alternate residential parent's SSN is necessary to properly identify that parent for the purpose of locating him/her, for submitting cases for the Treasury Offset Program, and for other child support enforcement activities.

The information requested in this application must be provided by every applicant for child support services, regardless of whether they are the primary residential parent / caretaker or the alternate residential parent of the child(ren). If you are the primary residential parent (PRP) / caretaker, enter information about yourself in Section II and enter information about the alternate residential parent in Section III. If you are the alternate residential parent (ARP), enter information about the primary residential parent / caretaker in Section II and enter information about yourself in Section III.

If you were married when the child(ren) was born, or when the child(ren) was conceived, or within three hundred (300) days after the marriage was terminated for any reason, Tennessee law states your husband is the legal father of your child(ren), and he will be pursued for child support.

I. INFORMATION ABOUT THE APPLICANT FOR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

| 1. | Are you | | |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| | ☐ The PRIMARY RESIDENTIAL PARENT (PRIMARY) is the parent with whom the child(ren) is also check this box if the child(ren) for whom you or | resides more than 50% of the time) N | OTE: For the purpose of completing this application, |
| | ☐ The ALTERNATE RESIDENTIAL PARENT ((The ARP is the parent with whom the child(ren) | | vices are requested |
| | If you are the ALTERNATE RESIDENTIAL PAR | ENT (ARP), are you applying for | |
| | ☐ A review and modification of your support ord | ler, or | |
| | ☐ To establish paternity for the child(ren)? | | |
| | NOTE: Any application for child support services | will result in this agency taking act | ion as needed to enforce support obligations. |
| 2. Are you under age 18 and unmarried? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, provide the following information about your parent | | mation about your parent or guardian: | |
| | Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name: |
| | Address: | | |
| | City: | State: | Zip: |
| | Phone (Home): () | (Cell): () | (Work): () |
| 3. | Do you have reason to believe that the ARP might try might take on your child support case? | | y to contact him/her, or as the result of any action we |
| | If yes, please attach documentation, such as Police Re | eport, Order of Protection, etc. | |
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| R ST | ATE USE ONLY | | |
| ter ca | re worker's name: | | Phone: |
| roval | l date:Social Services Number: | IVE Case N | umber: |

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II. INFORMATION ABOUT THE PRIMARY RESIDENTIAL PARENT (PRP) / CARETAKER

If you are the alternate residential parent (ARP), complete this section with information about the primary residential parent (PRP) / caretaker.

If you are the primary residential parent (PRP) or caretaker of the child(ren), provide the following information about yourself.

First Name: Maiden Name: 2. What is the caretaker's relationship to the child(ren) (mother / father / grandmother / etc.)? Identifying information for the primary residential parent (PRP) / caretaker Date of Birth: / / Social Security Number: ______ Sex: Would you like to opt in to Email Messaging: ☐ Yes ☐ No Address of the primary residential parent (PRP) / caretaker MAILING address: State: Zip: County: Phone (Home): (_____) _____ (Cell): (_____) _____ (Work): (_____) Would you like to opt in to Text Messages?

Yes No If YES, which number do you want associated with Text Messages?

Home Cell _____ State: _____ Zip: ____ County: ___ How do you prefer your caseworker to contact you? ☐ Mail ☐ Email ☐ Home ☐ Cell ☐ Work Primary residential parent (PRP)'s / caretaker's employer: Address: Phone: () _____ State: ____ Has the primary residential parent (PRP) / caretaker ever been married to the alternate residential parent (ARP)? \Box Yes \Box No If yes, provide any of the following information that applies: County: ____ State: ___ Marriage Date: _____County: _____ State: Separation Date: _____ County: _____ _____ State: _____ Is any other agency or attorney involved in pursuing child support at this time?

Yes
No Phone number: (____)___________ If yes, give the name of the agency/attorney: ____ Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Has there ever been ANY legal action involving this child(ren)? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, describe the action: Answer questions # 7 and 8 only if you are the primary residential parent (PRP) / caretaker of the child(ren) Do you currently receive, or have you ever received Medicaid benefits? Do you currently receive, or have you ever received public assistance, Families First, benefits? If yes, for what period of time? From: _____ To: ____ Did you receive these benefits in Tennessee? \(\mathbb{Q}\) Yes \(\mathbb{Q}\) No In which other state(s) did you receive these benefits? ______ Name, phone number and address of a person we can contact if we are not able to reach you. Phone number: (_______ Relationship: ______

| Address: | | | | |
|---|--|---|--|--|
| City: | State: | Zip: | | |
| NFORMATION ABOUT THE vou are the alternate residential p | ALTERNATE RESIDENTIAL PARENT (ARI | P) vourself. | | |
| you are the primary residential panild(ren). you were married when the child(ren), Tennessee law states your h you are applying for support from | rent (PRP) / caretaker, provide the following information was born, or when the child(ren) was conceived, or an abstract is the legal father of your child(ren). | ation about the alternate residential parent (ARP) of the any time during the 300 days before the birth of your you must complete a separate application for each alternate | | |
| Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name: | | |
| Maiden Name (if applicable): | | | | |
| Alias or nicknames: Last: | First: | Middle: | | |
| What is the alternate residential p | parent (ARP)'s relationship to the child(ren)? | ather Mother | | |
| Phone number(s) for the alternate | | | | |
| Home: () | Cell: () | Has ARP ever lived in Tennessee? ☐ Yes ☐ | | |
| Address of the alternate residentia | al parent (ARP): | | | |
| Current or last known MAILING | G address: | | | |
| | | Zip: | | |
| Is mail delivered to this address? | | | | |
| Current or last known <u>LIVING</u> ε | address: | | | |
| | State: | | | |
| Do you confirm the ARP lives he | | | | |
| Is the alternate residential parent (ARP) self-employed? | | | | |
| | Alternate residential parent (ARP)'s current employer: | | | |
| | 1) s current employer. | | | |
| City: | State: | Zip: | | |
| Alternate residential parent (ARP | | Zip | | |
| • ` | 1) s pi evious employer | | | |
| | | Zip: | | |
| General information about the alte | | | | |
| Social Security number | Birthplace (city/county/state) | Date of birth | | |
| Approximate age | Driver's license number (include state) | Sex | | |
| Race | Height | Weight | | |
| Hair color | Eye color | Photograph provided? | | |
| Distinguishing marks | Known disabilities | Email Address | | |
| | | | | |

III.

| 9. | is the alternate residential parent (ARP) currently in \Box jail \Box or prison ? If yes, provide the following information: | | | | | | |
|-----|--|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|--|--|
| | Name of the institution: | | Expected | release date: | | | |
| | Address: | | | | | | |
| | City: | | State: | Zip: | | | |
| 10. | Is this alternate residential parent (ARP) on □ probation □ or parole? If yes, provide the following information: | | | | | | |
| | Parole or probation officer's i | Parole or probation officer's name: | | | | | |
| | Address: | | Phone number: () | | | | |
| | City: | | State: | Zip: | | | |
| 11. | Has the alternate residential p | Has the alternate residential parent (ARP) ever served in the armed forces? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, which branch? | | | | | |
| | Dates of service: From: | To: | | | | | |
| | Is the alternate residential pa | erent (ARP) retired from the military | or in the reserves? | □ No | | | |
| 12. | | Does the alternate residential parent (ARP) receive any pensions or benefits from the federal government (Social Security, SSI, VA, retired military, etc.) or from other sources? | | | | | |
| | If yes, provide: Source (1): | | Approxi | mate monthly income amo | ount | | |
| | Source (2): | : | Approxi | mate monthly income amo | ount | | |
| | Source (3): | : | Approxii | mate monthly income amo | ount | | |
| 13. | Describe any assets the alternate residential parent (ARP) may own. | | | | | | |
| | | Make: | Model: Year: | | Year: | | |
| | Cars, trucks, motorcycles | Color: | License plate number: St | | State: | | |
| | Bank accounts: | | I | | | | |
| | Real estate: | | | | | | |
| | Other assets: | | | | | | |
| 14. | Other contacts for the alterna | te residential parent (ARP). Give an | y information you have, even if i | t is incomplete: | | | |
| | Mother (first/middle/last name) | | Maiden Name | Phone number: | | | |
| | Address/City/State | | <u> </u> | Zip | | | |
| | Father (first/middle/last name) | | | Phone number: | | | |
| | Address/City/State | | | Zip | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | Friend or other relative (first/middle/last name) | | | Phone number: | | | |
| | Address/City/State | | | Zip | | | |
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IV. COURT ORDER INFORMATION

Is there a court order for child support for the child(ren) for whom child support services are requested? \square Yes \square No If yes, provide any information you have about the existing court order(s). Attach copies of the orders and payment records, if available.

| Name of the court that issued the order | Date of the order | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| Docket/case number | County/State | | |
| How are payments made? (through court, IV-D agency, or directly to care | taker) Amount of support ordered | | |
| Pay frequency ordered (weekly, monthly, other, etc.) | Payment due date | | |
| Date and amount of the last payment/collection | Amount of the arrearage | | |
| names of any other possible fathers of the child(ren) for whom you are | | | |
| Which parent provides medical insurance for the child(ren)? Mother Carrier name: | JPPORT Father Both Neither | | |
| Policy number: | Insured's name: | | |
| Monthly insurance premium: | Number of family members covered by policy: | | |
| Name(s) of the child(ren) who are covered by this policy | | | |
| | | | |
| Do the child(ren) have any unpaid medical bills? | Yes No (If yes, provide itemized detail and copies of all bills.) | | |
| Have you presented the unpaid medical bills to the insurance company? | | | |
| | Yes No (If yes, provide a copy of the Explanation of Benefits from the insurance company.) | | |
| Have you presented the unpaid medical bills to the other party? | Yes No (If yes, provide a copy of the Explanation of Benefits | | |

VII. INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHILD(REN)

List below each of the children of the other parent shown on this application for which you are requesting child support services. For each child, provide all of the necessary information and a copy of that child's birth certificate. Attach additional sheets if needed.

| 1. | Child's Last Name | First Name | Middle Name |
|----|--|--|---|
| | Social Security Number: | Date | of Birth: |
| | City / County / State of Birth: | | |
| | a. Were the parents married to each other b. Was the mother married to another personant c. If this child was born out of wedlock, h d. If yes, was paternity established by: □ voluntary acknowledgment, □ cour e. Is this child covered by the alternate restant | son at the time of birth? nas paternity been established? rt order, other (please specify): | |
| 2. | Child's Last Name | First Name | Middle Name |
| | Social Security Number: | | of Birth: |
| | City / County / State of Birth: | | |
| | a. Were the parents married to each other b. Was the mother married to another personant c. If this child was born out of wedlock, I d. If yes, was paternity established by: voluntary acknowledgment, cour e. Is this child covered by the alternate restablished | at the time of birth? son at the time of birth? has paternity been established? rt order, other (please specify): | Yes □ No Yes □ No Yes □ No |
| | | | |
| 3. | Child's Last Name | First Name | Middle Name |
| | Social Security Number: Date of Birth: City / County / State of Birth: | | of Birth: |
| | | | |
| | a. Were the parents married to each other b. Was the mother married to another personant c. If this child was born out of wedlock, head. If yes, was paternity established by: □ voluntary acknowledgment, □ cour e. Is this child covered by the alternate restant | son at the time of birth? has paternity been established? rt order, other (please specify): | ☐ Yes ☐ No |

INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHILDREN (continued)

| 4. | Child's Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | | |
|----|---|--|---|--|--|
| | Social Security Number: | Date | e of Birth: | | |
| | City / County / State of Birth: | | | | |
| | • | person at the time of birth? ck, has paternity been established? court order, other (please specify): | ☐ Yes ☐ No | | |
| 5. | Child's Last Name | | | | |
| | Social Security Number: Date of Birth: | | | | |
| | City / County / State of Birth: | | | | |
| | a. Were the parents married to each of | her at the time of birth? | ☐ Yes ☐ No | | |
| | b. Was the mother married to another | person at the time of birth? | ☐ Yes ☐ No | | |
| | c. If this child was born out of wedloo | | ☐ Yes ☐ No | | |
| | d. If yes, was paternity established by: | | | | |
| | - | | dical insurance policy? ☐ Yes ☐ No | | |
| | | | | | |
| 6. | Child's Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | | |
| | Social Security Number: Date of Birth: | | | | |
| | City / County / State of Birth: | | | | |
| | a. Were the parents married to each of | | ☐ Yes ☐ No | | |
| | b. Was the mother married to another | | ☐ Yes ☐ No | | |
| | c. If this child was born out of wedloc | • | ☐ Yes ☐ No | | |
| | c. II tills cillia was bolli but bi wealbe | n, mas paterinty occin established: | <u> </u> | | |
| | d If yes was naternity established by: | | | | |
| | d. If yes, was paternity established by: □ voluntary acknowledement. □ c | | | | |

APPLICATION

| I,, am applying for Child Support services pro Services. I understand and acknowledge the following by initialing each line be | ovided by the Child Support Agency of the Tennessee Department of Human low: |
|---|--|
| The Child Support attorney handling my case represents the State of Tennes | see, not me personally. |
| The information that I supply is the source for any petition filed for me. | |
| The Child Support office will act to enforce the alternate residential parent (| ARP)'s legal child support obligations. If the Child Support office determines any |
| action to be improper or unwarranted, it will not take that action. | |
| If I give any information or testimony that a court finds to be false, the State | may prosecute me for perjury. |
| | ate may charge me with fraud. Also, the State may require me to pay back any |
| money that I get through fraud. | |
| The Child Support office does not promise the success of any action, or resu | |
| The services provided by the Child Support agency only include enforcing r | |
| | These services do not include actions involving custody, visitation, or similar |
| issues. If such issues are raised in this case, I understand that I must secure | |
| | the Child Support office may provide services to others whose interests conflict |
| with mine. | . I II |
| I must pay filing fees or court costs if the court determines I am able to pay to | |
| Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) benefits, the State will characterize at least \$500 for my assain an annual paried. To my this feet the | |
| | State will keep the next \$25 in child support that it collects for my case after the filing fees or associated costs the other state requires for my case to proceed. |
| | ollected each month above the current support owed each month will be kept by |
| the State to repay the TANF/Families First benefits I have received. | oncered each month above the current support owed each month will be kept by |
| If the child(ren) in this case receive Medicaid, I must tell the Child Support | office immediately |
| If I get a private attorney to represent me in obtaining child support, I agree | • |
| My case will be submitted to the IRS Treasury Offset Program if it meets the | |
| A. A court or administrative agency has ordered the alternate residential p | |
| | ild Support office. Also, there must be a copy of the court's payment record on |
| | must give the Child Support office a signed affidavit of the amount owed by the |
| alternate residential parent (ARP). | |
| C. The alternate residential parent (ARP) must owe at least \$500.00 past of | due child support under such order. |
| D. The Child Support office has the Social Security number (SSN) of the | alternate residential parent (ARP). |
| I further understand that if my case is submitted for the IRS Treasury Offset | Program: |
| A. There is no guarantee that money will be collected on my behalf. A Tr | reasury Offset Program collection through the Federal Tax Refund Offset Program |
| is only possible if the alternate residential parent (ARP) files a tax retu | rn and is due a refund from the IRS. |
| B. If money is collected through this process and a joint return is involved | d, the State has the right to hold the refund for six months before sending any |
| collections to me. | |
| C. If I have received TANF or Families First benefits, the State will keep | part or all of the refund to repay any TANF/Families First benefits previously |
| provided by the State. | |
| D. The State has the right to withhold amounts from future IRS offsets if | |
| E. The IRS charges a fee up to \$25.00 for each collection made through the | he offset program. This fee will be deducted before I receive any collection. |
| I | L to |
| I must repay to the State any money that I am overpaid, or that is sent to | o correct an overpayment owed to the State for any reason to correct my child |
| A. I am personally liable for the return of any amounts I receive in error to support account, including but not limited to payments sent to me in error. | |
| | ng consent to automatic withholding, without further notice, from any future |
| | or until the balance is paid in full. My consent is optional. The services I |
| | l later change my mind, I must notify the Child Support office in writing that |
| | g by checking the "do not consent" box, the State is not prevented from |
| seeking to correct an error using all legal remedies available to them of | |
| | oxes is checked, it will be presumed that I have provided my consent.) |
| ☐ I consent to such withholding. | ☐ I do NOT consent to such withholding. |
| | |
| I swear or affirm that the information I have provided in support of this applicatio with the Department of Human Services and the local Child Support office in the acknowledgment. I declare that I understand it fully and agree with the terms. | n is correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. I will cooperate matter. Further, I swear or affirm that I have read this affirmation and |
| Signature | |
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