ACDCSS presents:

Child Support

Every Child Deserves the Support of Both Parents

What is Child Support?

Child Support is defined by law as the ongoing monetary expenditures and payments necessary to cover a child's living and medical expenses.

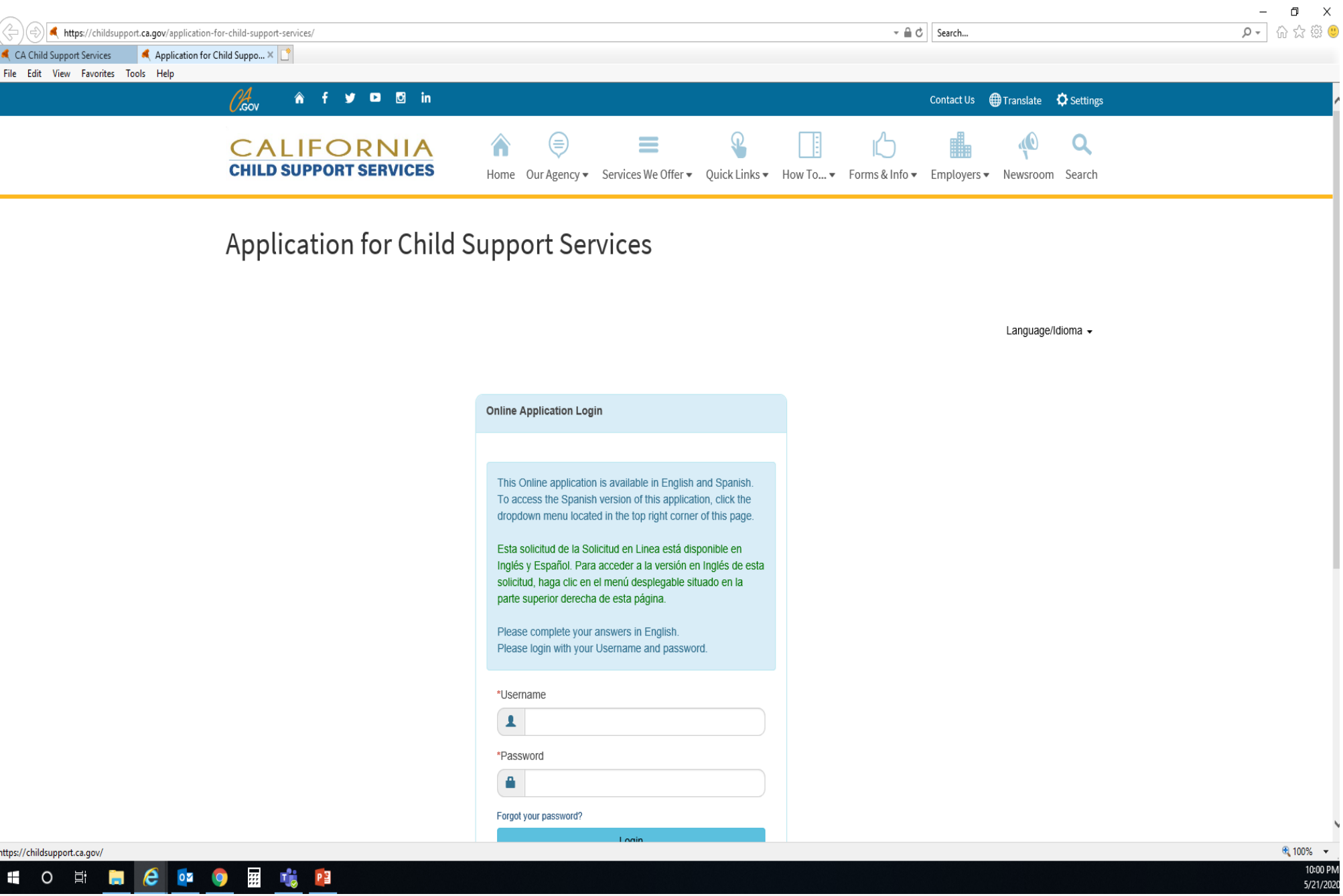
Both parents have a legal duty to provide financial support for their children.

The court may order either or both parents to pay child support. Child support may include:

- Monetary support
- Health insurance coverage
- Arrearages
- Interest on delinquent child support obligations

Child Support makes a difference!

- Children do better with support from their parents:
  - Reduced teen pregnancy
  - Reduced interaction with criminal justice
  - Increased high school graduation rates



How are cases opened?

- Social Services referral
- Direct application for services (Online, In-Person, or Mail)

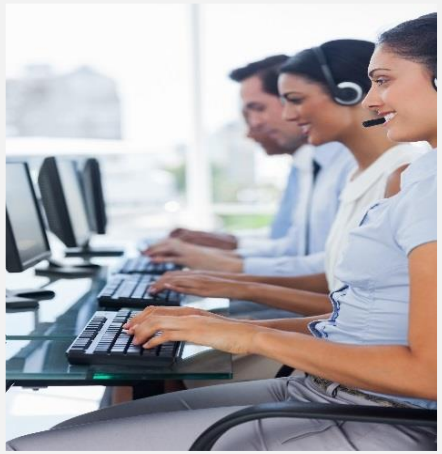
What services does Child Support provide?

Locate

We can locate noncustodial parents (NCPs) and assets

Establishment

We can help establish orders for paternity, child support and medical support



Enforcement

We can enforce orders for child and spousal support and health insurance

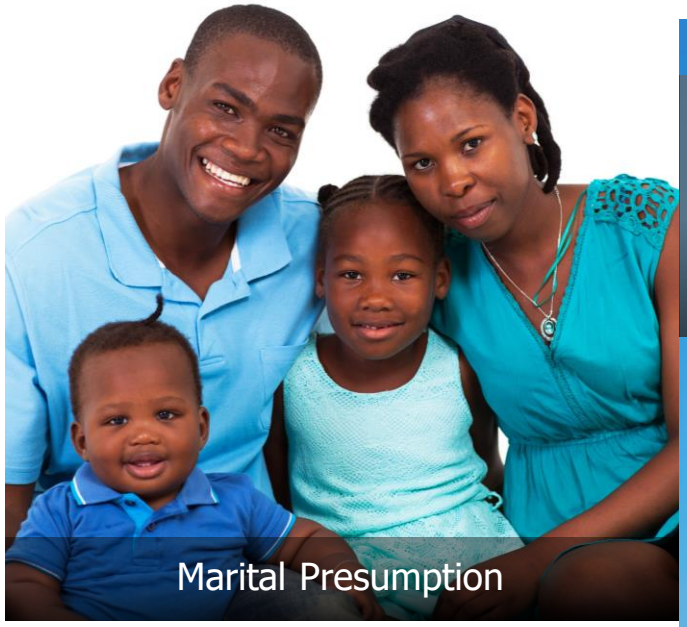
Accounting

We keep detailed records of child support transactions

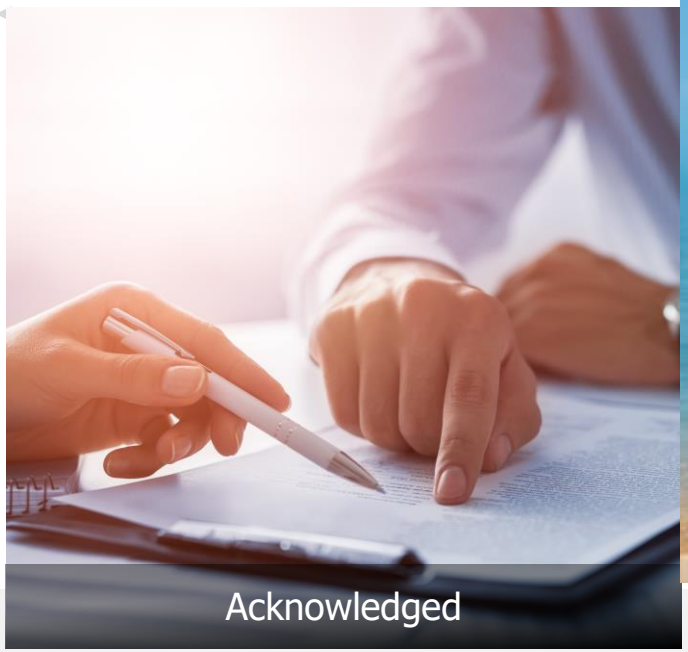
Modification

We can help to modify the terms of existing support orders

Paternity


Marital Presumption

POPs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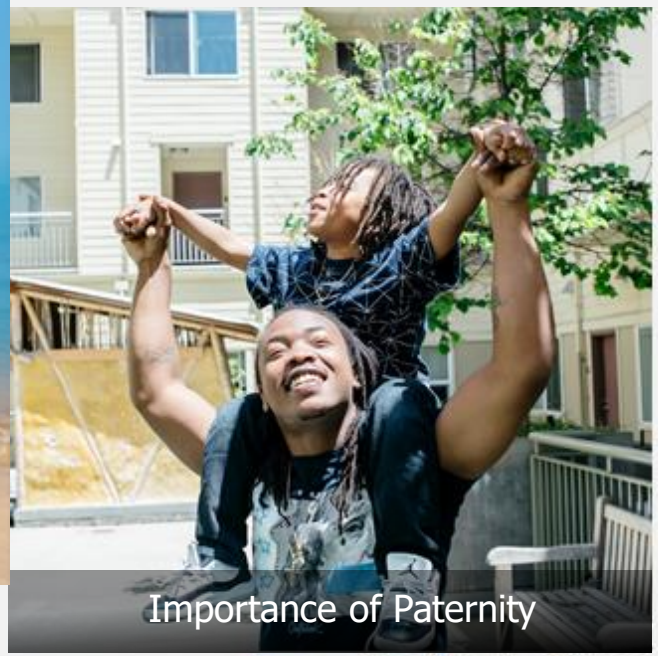

Importance of Paternity

How much?

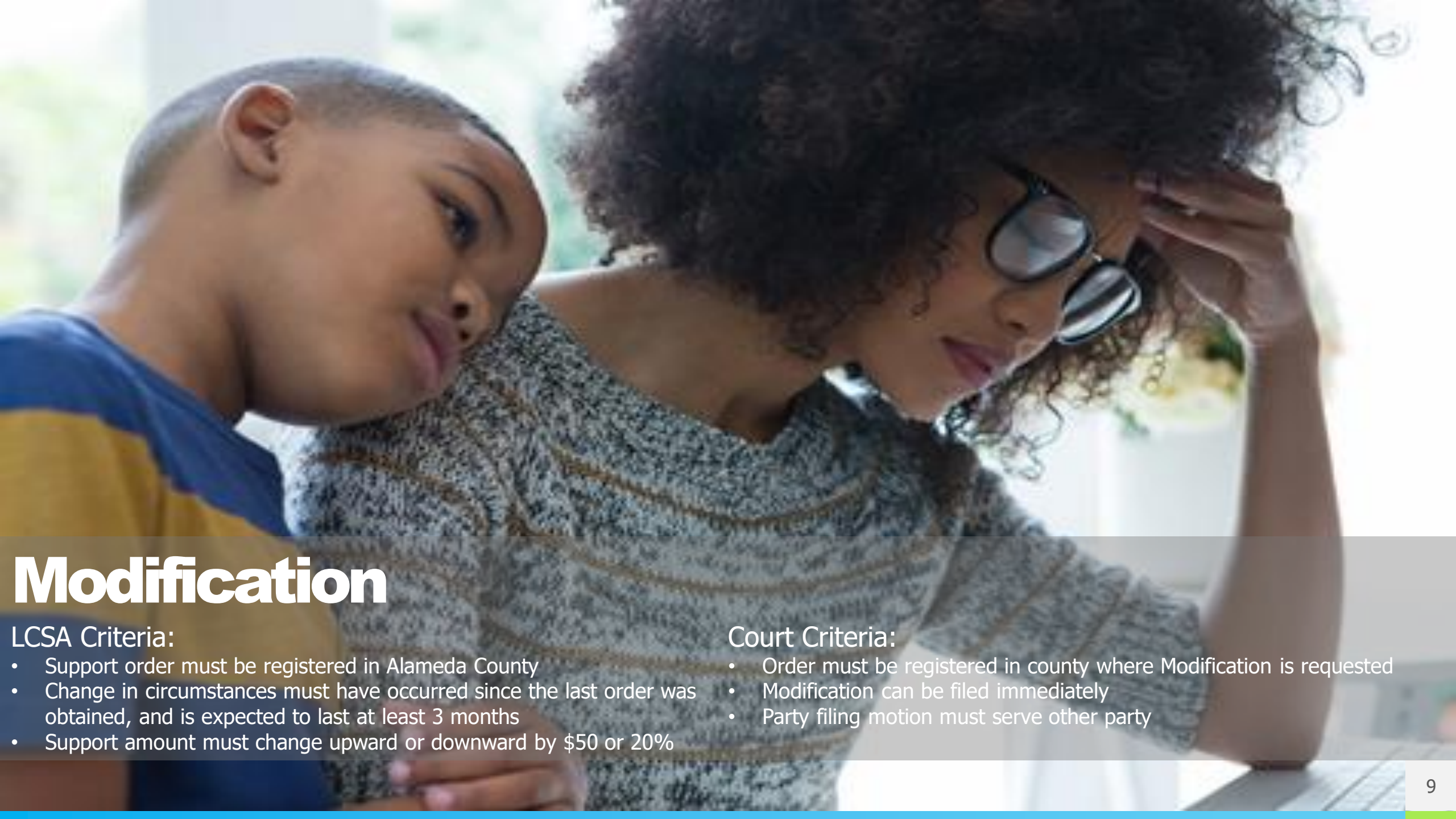
Courts and child support agencies use the State Guideline Calculator to calculate child support

Factors that affect child support include:

- Income of the parents
- Visitation
- Other child support orders
- Other biological children in the home
- Day care or health care expenses
- Mandatory income deductions

Enforcement Actions:

- Income Withholding Order
- National Medical Support Notice
- Credit Reporting
- Real Property Liens
- License Suspension or Revocation
- State Unemployment / Disability Intercept
- State Tax and Lottery Intercept
- IRS Tax Intercept
- Federal Administrative Offset
- Multi-State Financial Institution Data Match
- Financial Institution Data Match
- Passport Denial



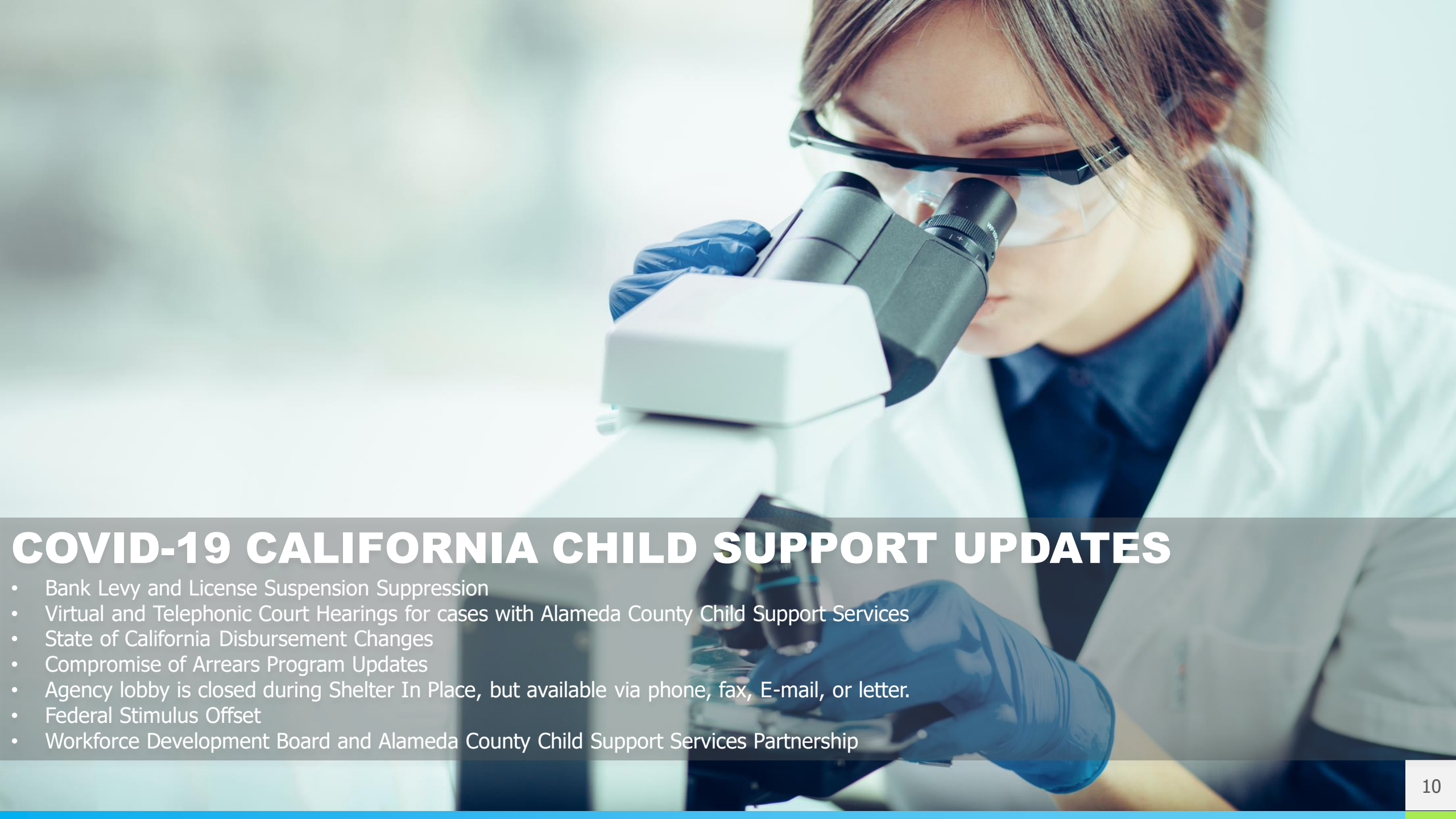
Modification

LCSA Criteria:

- Support order must be registered in Alameda County
- Change in circumstances must have occurred since the last order was obtained, and is expected to last at least 3 months
- Support amount must change upward or downward by $50 or 20%

Court Criteria:

- Order must be registered in county where Modification is requested
- Modification can be filed immediately
- Party filing motion must serve other party



COVID-19 CALIFORNIA CHILD SUPPORT UPDATES

- Bank Levy and License Suspension Suppression
- Virtual and Telephonic Court Hearings for cases with Alameda County Child Support Services
- State of California Disbursement Changes
- Compromise of Arrears Program Updates
- Agency lobby is closed during Shelter In Place, but available via phone, fax, E-mail, or letter.
- Federal Stimulus Offset
- Workforce Development Board and Alameda County Child Support Services Partnership

Compromise of Arrears Program (COAP)

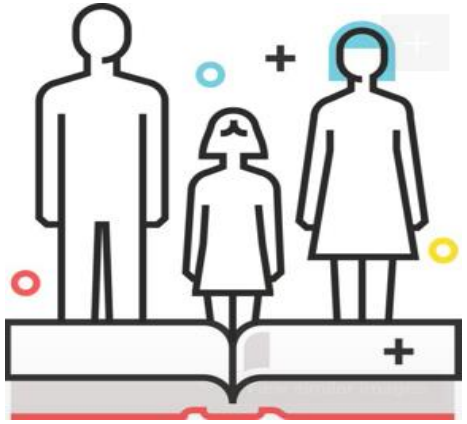
LCSA Criteria:

- Balance owed to the County must be greater than $500
- No prior COAP application within 1 year, or rescission within 2 years
- No contempt for failure to pay within 6 months, and no intentional failure to pay in anticipation of COAP
- No ability to pay the current balance and interest within 3 years
- Ability to pay current, non-Compromised arrears, and Compromised arrears within 3 years
- No hidden assets or income, and no attempt to falsify financial information

What we don’t do…

Services that Child Support is unable to provide include:

Divorce



Custody/Visitation

Restraining Orders

Establish Spousal Support

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