

**CHILD SUPPORT**

Any payment of money by the person responsible for the support payments under a support order to the person entitled to receive the support payment that is not made to the Mercer County Child Support Enforcement Agency in accordance with the support order shall not be considered as a payment of support. **Any payment made to discharge an obligation other than support shall be deemed a gift.** The obligor shall not voluntarily terminate employment or cause himself to be terminated through action or inaction of his own, without new employment or arranging for the uninterrupted payment of child support.

The Mercer County Child Support Enforcement Agency shall administer this order on a monthly basis in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 3121.51 to 3121.54. If payments are made other than on a monthly basis, the required monthly administration by the agency does not affect the frequency or the amount of the support payments to be made under this order. All payments shall be made by wage withholding, if applicable, or direct payments.

Until such time as support payments are withheld from the Obligor's pay, the Obligor shall be responsible for making these payments by check, certified check, or money order to Ohio Child Support Payment Central. (O.R.C. 3121.28)

**All support payments shall be made to: Ohio Child Support Payment Central.  
PO Box 182394  
Columbus, OH 43218-2394.**

In the event obligor becomes unemployed and is eligible to receive unemployment benefits, a benefits deduction shall issue to the Bureau of Employment Services.

The parties shall notify the Mercer County Child Support Enforcement Agency of any reason why child support should terminate.

**EACH PARTY TO THIS SUPPORT ORDER MUST NOTIFY THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN WRITING OF HIS OR HER CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS, CURRENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, CURRENT DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER, AND OF ANY CHANGES IN THAT INFORMATION. EACH PARTY MUST NOTIFY THE AGENCY OF ALL CHANGES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE FROM THE COURT OR AGENCY, WHICHEVER ISSUED THE SUPPORT ORDER.**

**IF YOU ARE THE OBLIGOR UNDER A CHILD SUPPORT ORDER AND YOU FAIL TO MAKE THE REQUIRED NOTIFICATIONS, YOU MAY BE FINED UP TO \$50 FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, \$100 FOR A SECOND OFFENSE, AND \$500 FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE IF YOU ARE AN OBLIGOR OR OBLIGEE UNDER ANY SUPPORT ORDER ISSUED BY A COURT AND YOU WILLFULLY FAIL TO GIVE THE REQUIRED NOTICES, YOU MAY BE FOUND IN CONTEMPT OF COURT AND BE SUBJECTED TO FINES UP TO \$1,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 90 DAYS.**

**CHILD SUPPORT CONTINUED:**

**IF YOU ARE AN OBLIGOR OR OBLIGEE AND YOU FAIL TO GIVE THE REQUIRED NOTICES TO THE CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. YOU MAY NOT RECEIVE NOTICE OF THE CHANGES AND REQUESTS TO CHANGE THE CHILD SUPPORT AMOUNT. HEALTH CARE PROVISIONS. OR TERMINATION OF THE CHILD SUPPORT ORDER. IF YOU ARE AN OBLIGOR AND YOU FAIL TO GIVE THE REQUIRED NOTICES, YOU MAY NOT RECEIVE NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AGAINST YOU: IMPOSITION OF LIENS AGAINST YOUR PROPERTY; LOSS OF YOUR PROFESSIONAL OR OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE, DRIVERS LICENSE, OR RECREATIONAL LICENSE; WITHHOLDING FROM YOUR INCOME; ACCESS RESTRICTION AND DEDUCTION FROM YOUR ACCOUNTS IN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS; AND ANY OTHER ACTION PERMITTED BY LAW TO OBTAIN MONEY FROM YOU TO SATISFY YOUR SUPPORT OBLIGATION (ORC 3121.29)**

All support under this order shall be withheld or deducted from the income or assets of the Obligor pursuant to a withholding or deduction notice or appropriate order issued in accordance with Chapters 3119, 3121, 3123, and 3125, of the Revised Code or a withdrawal directive issued pursuant to Sections 3123.24 to 3123.38 of the Revised Code and shall be forwarded to the Obligee in accordance with Chapters 3119, 3121, 3123, and 3125 of the Revised Code. (ORC 3121.27). The withholding or deduction notices and other orders issued under sections 3121.03, 3121.04. to 3121.06, and administrative orders issued under 3121.12 of the Ohio Revised Code, and the notices that require the Obligor to notify the child support enforcement agency administrating the support order of any change in the Obligor's employment status or of any other change in the status of the Obligor's assets, are final and enforceable by the Court. (ORC 3121.33).

If Obligor is unemployed, and each time they are unemployed or working less than 30 hours per week, the Obligor shall take part in this Court's **Seek Work Program** and shall immediately commence seeking work and report to the Mercer County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile/Probate Division, Third Floor, Courthouse, Celina, Ohio at 8:45 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, or as ordered, with proof of four {4} job applications per day. The Obligor shall comply with all the directions and orders of the Judge/Magistrate of the Court of Common Pleas in matters relative to the seek work program. **FAILURE OF OBLIGOR TO APPEAR MAY RESULT IN A BENCH WARRANT FOR THEIR ARREST.**

**If the parties fail to comply with any order of this Court, a contempt action may be filed.** If either party is found guilty of contempt, the Court may impose any of the following penalties:

**First Offense:** a fine of not more than \$250.00, a definite term of imprisonment of not more than 30 days in jail, or both;

**Second Offense:** a fine of not more than \$500.00, a definite term of imprisonment of not more than 60 days in jail, or both;

**Third or Subsequent Offenses:** a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, a definite term of imprisonment of not more than 90 days in jail, or both.