

**FAMILY LAW**  
**CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Anyone who has a child support order and/or medical support order, or wants to establish one, can apply for child support enforcement services by completing an application through the Solano County Department of Child Support (formerly known as the District Attorney, Family Support Division). Parents who receive public assistance will automatically be referred to their local Department of Child Support. The Solano County Department of Child Support handles all Department of Child Support cases regarding support, support enforcement, medical insurance and paternity. All **support hearings in family law cases in which the Department of Child Support is involved** in enforcement of a support order is heard by:

**Commissioner William J. Pendergast III**  
**Department 21**  
**530 Union Avenue**  
**Fairfield, CA 94533**

The Solano County Department of Child Support does not represent the noncustodial parent, the custodial parent, the children in the case or any other individual. The Department of Child Support represents the public interest in all cases. Therefore, the Department of Child Support **does not** provide assistance with divorce, custody, visitation and restraining order issues.

Divorce, custody, visitation and restraining order issues in Department of Child Support cases must be heard separately in the Family Law Courts.

All child support paperwork in Solano County Department of Child Support cases must be filed with the Clerk of the Court.

There are no filing fees in Department of Child Support cases relating to child support. There are filing fees for other issues like custody and visitation.

Copies of any paperwork you file in actions involving the Department of Child Support must be provided to the Department of Child Support at the following location:

**SOLANO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT**  
**435 Executive Ct. North**  
**Fairfield, CA 94534**  
**Phone: (866) 901-3212**  
**Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM**

## **OPENING A CHILD SUPPORT CASE**

If you wish to obtain an order for child support and you do not have an existing court case, you need to open a case.

- If you are married to the other parent, you must usually file an action for dissolution or legal separation. By filing a dissolution or legal separation, you may also request spousal support, along with your request for child support.
- If you are married and do not want to start a dissolution or legal separation case, you may instead file a Petition for Custody of Minor Children.
- If you are not married to the other parent of your child, you must first file an action to establish paternity. A Petition to Establish Parental Relationship may be filed by either the mother or the father of the child. If you file a paternity action yourself (without the assistance of the Department of Child Support), you may also request orders for child custody, visitation, child support and injunctive orders.
- The Solano County Department of Child Support provides a variety of child support services to custodial and non-custodial parents at no charge for child support services in California. For more information on the Solano County Department of Child Support (formerly Solano County District Attorney, Family Support Division), call (866) 901-3212.

If you cannot afford an attorney or wish to represent yourself, you can have your paperwork reviewed by the Family Law Facilitator. The Family Law Facilitator's office is located in the Solano Legal Access Center on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Hall of Justice, 600 Union Avenue, Fairfield, CA.

Specialists there can help you, free of charge, with procedural information and forms for filing support actions. Online information from the California Department of Child Support Services (CDCSS) is also available. You can obtain information regarding paternity, child support enforcement, the child support process and other pertinent information regarding support issues by visiting their website at [www.childsup.cahwnet.gov](http://www.childsup.cahwnet.gov).