

Child Support Information For Incarcerated Parents



What Happens to My Child Support Order While I am in Prison?

Your child support order will stay in effect while you are in prison. If you ignore it or take no action, you may owe much more child support when you get out of prison.

- If you have children and a current child support order, then your child support balance will continue to increase unless the child support order is modified.
- If your children are over age 18 and out of high school, then your child support order is to make payments on the balance you owe. Your child support debt will not grow and will be the same when you get out of prison.

How can I change (modify) My Current Child Support Order While I am in Prison?

If you have a child support case with Support Enforcement Services (SES) you can ask for Review and Adjustment Services. SES will review your case and determine if the child support order should be modified.

- You can request a review by completing the back of this document and mailing it to SES.
- SES will review your case by researching any income and assets, the length of your incarceration, and whether you are incarcerated for a crime against the other parent or your children.
- SES will mail you a notice of the review outcome. If SES cannot help you with a modification you will have a chance to provide more information to SES or request a hearing.
- In some cases, a support order may be modified to \$0 without a court hearing; however, in other cases you may be required to appear in court by video.
- You may always file a motion to modify with the court yourself, or you may hire an attorney to modify your child support order.
- You may also contact the Inmate Legal Assistance Program (ILAP) in your prison for help with this process or any other family matters that involves the court system.

What Happens to My Child Support Order After I Get Out Of Prison?

- Contact your local SES office or call SES at 1-800-228-KIDS (5437) to update your address and phone number.
- If you are unable to begin paying your child support order, tell SES and we will stop all court-based enforcement for at least 90 days.
- If your child support order was modified to \$0, then SES will begin the process to get an updated child support order based on your current income.
- If you do not contact SES, we may reinstate your last order without going to court. We can do this 90 days after you get out of prison. SES will notify you before we take this action and you can object to the order reinstatement by completing the proper form with SES.
- You must appear for any court hearings and can ask to the court to set the child support order at a level you can afford.

Incarcerated Parent Request for Review

Please check or place an "X" next to all that apply:

- I have a child support order for a child in high school or under age 18
- I have a case with SES
- I am currently incarcerated

Please review my case below (and any other cases I may have) to see if my child support order can be changed.

Date: _____

Mom or Custodial Parent's name (s): _____

My Name: _____

My Social Security Number: _____

Child (ren)'s Name (s): _____

My Inmate Number: _____

Correctional Facility where I am staying: _____

I will be incarcerated for: _____ years and/or _____ months

My income per week is: \$ _____ /or/ I have \$0 income per week: _____ (Place X)

I own these assets outside of prison: _____

Please check or place "X" on only one of the following:

- Yes - I am incarcerated for a crime I committed against the other parent, caretaker, or child (ren) in my child support case.
- No - I am not incarcerated for a crime I committed against the other parent, caretaker, or child (ren) in my child support case.

Mail Form To:

Support Enforcement Services
Central Processing Unit
Review and Adjustment
414 Chapel Street, 2nd Floor
New Haven, CT 06510
Call SES at: 1 (877) 789-1922