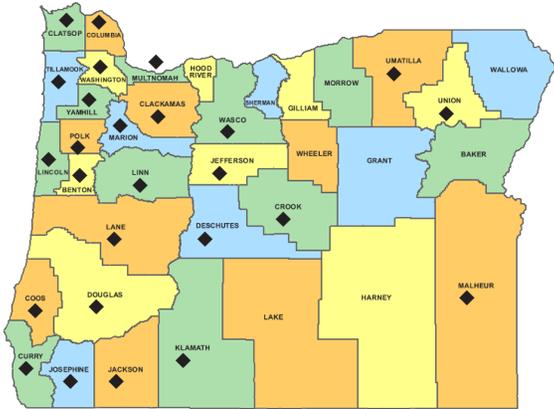
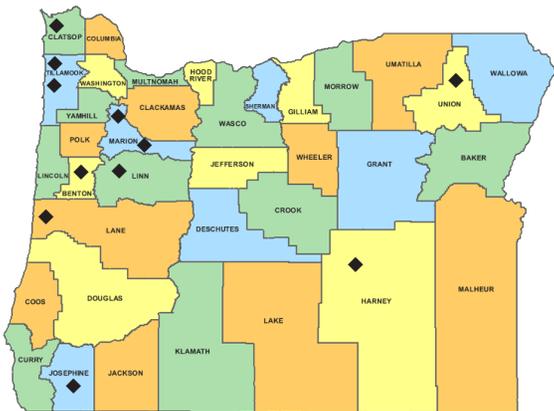


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Do I need to pay child support while my child is in the custody of the Oregon Youth Authority?

State and federal law require Oregon to collect child support from you when your child is placed in state custody. The money is used to reimburse the state for part of the cost of providing care and treatment for your child.

What is the Division of Child Support and why are they involved in my child's case?

The Oregon Department of Justice's Division of Child Support (DCS) is the agency designated by Oregon law to establish paternity, enact obligations for child support and medical coverage, and collect child support payments. Under Oregon law, both parents are responsible for providing support for their children. That obligation continues when a child is placed with the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA).

If an order for child support already exists, OYA will become the "payee" while the child is in OYA's custody. This is called an "assignment of support rights" and means OYA will receive the child support payments. The state also may collect past-due child support.

If no child support order exists, DCS will establish an order to collect child support from each parent and will designate OYA as the "payee." This means OYA will receive the child support payments.

How does DCS determine how much support I will pay?

The amount of support you are ordered to pay will depend on your individual income. DCS will calculate the dollar amount based on your specific financial situation.

How does DCS establish a support order?

DCS will serve you with a "Notice and Finding of Financial Responsibility." The notice will show the proposed amount of monthly support you will pay, and the amount of past support you owe based on the date your child was placed with OYA. The dollar amount is based on your individual income. If you believe your overall financial status merits a lower monthly support payment, you may provide additional information to DCS for consideration.

What do I do if I disagree with the amount I am told to pay?

You may request a hearing by calling the DCS State Recovery Central Unit at 503-986-6033. You must request a hearing within 60 days of the date on the notice from DCS. Hearings are conducted by telephone. If you disagree with the result of the hearing, you may appeal the decision to your local circuit court. You must submit your appeal within 60 days of the date of the hearing decision.

How do I make support payments?

Oregon law requires child support orders to be paid through automatic payroll deductions, with some exceptions. Those exceptions are explained in the "Notice and Finding of Financial Responsibility" you receive from DCS.

Does it matter if my child was convicted as an adult instead of as a juvenile?

Regardless of whether your child was sentenced as an adult or a juvenile, you must pay child support while your child is in an OYA facility or residential program.

When does my child support obligation end?

All youth in OYA's custody are enrolled in classroom and/or vocational education programs. Youth in the custody of OYA may be eligible to receive child support up to age 21 if they qualify under state law as a "child attending school." The qualifying criteria are listed in ORS 107.108. DCS will continue to collect the monthly child support amount as long as your child meets these criteria.

Where can I learn more?

You can learn more about child support for youth in OYA custody by visiting the DCS Web site at www.oregonchildsupport.gov/ or calling DCS at 503-373-7300 (from Salem), 800-850-0228 (toll-free from within Oregon) or 503-378-5567 (from outside Oregon).