FACTS FOR YOU ABOUT THE PETITION TO MODIFY CHILD SUPPORT

The Circuit Court Clerk's Office can assist you with completing a *Petition to Modify Child Support* form. The first hearing will be held at **Child Support Services at 8:30 a.m.** If no agreement is reached at the first hearing, you will be on a **1:30 p.m.** Court docket at the **Historic Courthouse** in front of the assigned Judge.

Please complete the Support Intake Sheet, Petition to Modify Child Support and Application – if handwritten, please print legibly – include additional page(s) if needed – and return ALL DOCUMENTS to this office, signed and notarized, along with the appropriate filing fee:

- \$119.00 (\$77.00 fee + \$42.00 for service of process in Davidson County);
- \$89.38 (\$77.00 fee + \$12.38 for certified mail service);
- \$97.00 (\$77.00 fee + \$20.00 check to Secretary of State for out-of-state service); or
- \$119.00 (\$77.00 fee + \$42.00 money order to Sheriff for out-of-county service).

In accordance with Supreme Court Rule 29, if you meet the federally mandated poverty guidelines (click here to see Guidelines) for family income, you may qualify to proceed as an indigent party (click here for Affidavit of Indigency). If you qualify, this excuses the advanced filing fee; however, this may not excuse your payment of the fee as the Court may tax court costs to you at the hearing.

Once filed, the *Petition* is sent to the assigned Court for review. The Judge will either sign <u>or</u> deny the *Show Cause Order*. If the Judge denies the *Show Cause Order*, you will need to know how to proceed with setting your *Petition* for hearing after it is served on Respondent. If the Judge approves the *Show Cause Order*, you will receive a copy of the *Order* with the hearing date and service of process will be issued to the other party. Please contact our office approximately one (1) week prior to the hearing to confirm if the Respondent has been served. If the Respondent is not served by the Court date, then your case will not be on the docket for that day. Please contact this office at 615-862-5181 with a better address and fees for another attempt at service. We will try to serve that person again and a new Court date will be set.

If additional attempts at service are required, \$40 will be needed for Davidson County service.

Fees may be paid by phone with valid credit/debit card

YOU WILL RECEIVE A COPY OF THE PENDING HEARING DATE BY MAIL.

1st HEARING: Child Support Services

44 Vantage Way

Suite 300

Nashville, TN 37228

1st HEARING TIME: 8:30 a.m.

2nd HEARING: Historic Courthouse

(if necessary) 1 Public Square, 6th Floor

Nashville, TN 37201

2nd HEARING TIME: 1:30 p.m.

SUPPORT INTAKE SHEET

Petitioner	
VS.	Case No
Respondent	
Information about you (Petitioner):	
Name:	
Date of Birth:	
Address:	
Telephone:	
Employer:	
Employer Address:	
Employer Telephone:	
Information about Respondent:	
Name:	
Date of Birth:	
Address:	
Telephone:	
Employer:	
Employer Address:	
Employer Telephone:	

IN	THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR DAVIDSON COUN	TY, TENNESSI	EΕ
	Petitioner		
VS.	Case No		
	Respondent		
	PETITION TO MODIFY CHILD SUPPORT		
P	etitioner,,	. under <i>T.C.A.</i>	Title
	hapter 5, states:		
	Petitioner is a resident of County, lives at		
2.	Respondent is a resident of County, lives at	Tennessee,	and
3.	Respondent is employed at		
	The child(ren) for whom support is sought is(are):		
	<u>Names</u>	<u>Birthdates</u>	
5.	This(these) child(ren) reside(s) with		
6.			
7.	7. Petitioner/Respondent is obligated to pay support for this(these) child(ren) because (check appropriate section): a. Petitioner/Respondent is legal parent by virtue of birth during		
	marriage to (ex-spouse name)		
	on (date of marriage)		
	b. Court Order of Court on (date))	
	(Order of paternity, legitimization, divorce, adoption	n, reciprocal).	
8.	Petitioner seeks to (check appropriate item):		
	a. Modify support:		

	(1)	by increasing support due to a substantial and material change of circumstances.
	(2)	by decreasing support due to a substantial and material change of circumstances which makes Petitioner unable to pay the support s/he is obligated to pay.
b.	Other:	to pay the support sine is obligated to pay.
SO THE PETITIO	NER REQUE	ESTS:
	•	ssue and an <i>Order</i> issue requiring the Respondent to in accordance with the requests of this <i>Petition</i> .
2. That the Co	ourt order <i>(ch</i>	eck appropriate item(s)):
a.	An increase	in child support.
b.	A decrease	in child support.
c.	Other:	
3. For genera	l relief.	
		PETITIONER

PURSUANT TO T.C.A. §29-1-107, THIS IS PETITIONER'S FIRST APPLICATION FOR EXTRAORDINARY PROCESS IN THIS CAUSE.

STATE OF TENNESSEE () COUNTY OF DAVIDSON ()				
		, Petitioner, bein	g first duly swo	rn, has
read the foregoing Petition, k	nows the conter	its thereof, and stat	es that the same	is true
and correct to the best of Peti	tioner's knowled	lge, information and	l belief.	
		PETITI	ONER	
Sworn to and subscribed before	me, this	day of	, 20)
		NOTARY PUE	BLIC / CLERK	
My Commission Expires:		<u> </u>		

 $\cline{\mathcal{E}}$ To request an ADA accommodation, please contact Dart Gore at 880-3309.



STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

APPLICATION FOR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

It is this agency's desire to act in the best interest of you and your child(ren) at all times. Therefore, we want to give you some important information regarding how your case will be handled.

INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW

- You must notify us immediately if you move or change your telephone number.
- Your cooperation is required.
- You must return any money sent to you in error.
- You must notify us in writing if you wish to cancel services.

WE CAN ATTEMPT TO

- Locate a parent whose whereabouts are unknown,
- Establish paternity for a child,
- Establish and enforce court orders for child support payments, unpaid medical bills, and/or medical insurance,
- Review and modify child support orders, and
- Collect child support arrears using a variety of enforcement methods, including intercepting federal income tax refunds.

WE CANNOT

- Guarantee that our attempts to establish or enforce child support will be successful,
- Handle matters that are not related to child support such as divorce, visitation or custody disputes, or
- Give your case priority over any other cases we have.

AFTER WE RECEIVE YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION, WE WILL

- Review your case,
- Decide the proper action to take on your case, and
- Make every effort to provide the needed service.

IN ADDITION

- We will contact you if we need additional information from you, and to inform you of appointments and court hearing dates.
- Your signature on the application form indicates your agreement that the agency may file a legal action in your case and may close your case if you do not cooperate.
- Our attorneys represent the State of Tennessee. They will help provide you with child support services, but they do not represent you or any other individual.
- Case information will be given out only for child support purposes.
- All child support payments will be processed through the State Disbursement Unit in Nashville, Tennessee.

State of Tennessee Department of Human Services Information Gathering Letter

In accordance with federal law and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, contact HHS. Write HHS, Director, Office for Civil Rights, Room 506-F, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201 or call (202) 619-0403 (Voice) or (202) 619-3257 (TTY). HHS are equal opportunity providers and employers. You may also write Tennessee, DHS, Civil Rights Compliance Officer, Citizens Plaza Building, 400 Deaderick Street 15th Floor, Nashville, TN 37243, (615) 313-4748.

NOTE: Each individual's Social Security number (SSN) is a critical part of case processing. Based on section 466(a)(13) of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 666(a)(13)], you are required to disclose Social Security numbers to the child support agency. They will be used by the State's child support enforcement program to locate individuals for the purposes of establishing paternity and establishing, modifying, and enforcing support obligations. It is possible that your SSN and those of the child(ren) will be used to file interstate child support enforcement actions and to enroll the child(ren) as beneficiaries of health insurance coverage, and, as such, may be released to the other parent. The alternate residential parent's SSN is necessary to properly identify that parent for the purpose of locating him/her, for submitting cases for the Treasury Offset Program, and for other child support enforcement activities.

The information requested in this application must be provided by every applicant for child support services, regardless of whether they are the primary residential parent / caretaker or the alternate residential parent of the child(ren). If you are the primary residential parent (PRP) / caretaker, enter information about yourself in Section II and enter information about the alternate residential parent in Section III. If you are the alternate residential parent (ARP), enter information about the primary residential parent / caretaker in Section II and enter information about yourself in Section III.

If you were married when the child(ren) was born, or when the child(ren) was conceived, or within three hundred (300) days after the marriage was terminated for any reason, Tennessee law states your husband is the legal father of your child(ren), and he will be pursued for child support.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE APPLICANT FOR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

1.	Are you					
	☐ The PRIMARY RESIDENTIAL PARENT (PRP) / CARETAKER of the child(ren) for whom services are requested (The PRP is the parent with whom the child(ren) resides more than 50% of the time) NOTE: For the purpose of completing this application, also check this box if the child(ren) for whom you are requesting services resides/reside with you exactly 50% of the time. or					
		☐ The ALTERNATE RESIDENTIAL PARENT (ARP) of the child(ren) for whom services are requested (The ARP is the parent with whom the child(ren) resides less than 50% of the time)				
	If you are the ALTERNATE RESIDE	NTIAL PARENT (ARP), are you applying for				
	☐ A review and modification of yo	ur support order, or				
	☐ To establish paternity for the chi	ld(ren)?				
	NOTE: Any application for child sup	port services will result in this agency taking ac	tion as needed to enforce support obligations.			
2.	Are you under age 18 and unmarried?	Yes □ No If yes, provide the following info	rmation about your parent or guardian:			
	Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Name:			
	Address:					
	City:	State:	Zip:			
	Phone (Home): ()	(Cell): ()	(Work): ()			
3.	Do you have reason to believe that the might take on your child support case?		ry to contact him/her, or as the result of any action we			
	If yes, please attach documentation, suc	h as Police Report, Order of Protection, etc.				
R ST	ATE USE ONLY					
ster co	are worker's name:		Phone:			
	1 1-4	Number: IVE Case N	Norma k. aus.			

II. INFORMATION ABOUT THE PRIMARY RESIDENTIAL PARENT (PRP) / CARETAKER

If you are the primary residential parent (PRP) or caretaker of the child(ren), provide the following information about yourself.

If you are the alternate residential parent (ARP), complete this section with information about the primary residential parent (PRP) / caretaker. First Name: Maiden Name: 2. What is the caretaker's relationship to the child(ren) (mother / father / grandmother / etc.)? Identifying information for the primary residential parent (PRP) / caretaker Date of Birth: / / Social Security Number: ______ Sex: Would you like to opt in to Email Messaging: ☐ Yes ☐ No Address of the primary residential parent (PRP) / caretaker MAILING address: State: Zip: County: Phone (Home): (_____) _____ (Cell): (_____) _____ (Work): (_____) Would you like to opt in to Text Messages?

Yes No If YES, which number do you want associated with Text Messages?

Home Cell _____ State: _____ Zip: ____ County: ____ How do you prefer your caseworker to contact you? ☐ Mail ☐ Email ☐ Home ☐ Cell ☐ Work Primary residential parent (PRP)'s / caretaker's employer: Address: Phone: () _____ State: ____ Has the primary residential parent (PRP) / caretaker ever been married to the alternate residential parent (ARP)? \Box Yes \Box No If yes, provide any of the following information that applies: County: _____ State: ___ Marriage Date: _____County: _____ State: Separation Date: _____ County: _____ _____ State: _____ Is any other agency or attorney involved in pursuing child support at this time?

Yes
No Phone number: (____)___________ If yes, give the name of the agency/attorney: ____ Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Has there ever been ANY legal action involving this child(ren)? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, describe the action: Answer questions # 7 and 8 only if you are the primary residential parent (PRP) / caretaker of the child(ren) Do you currently receive, or have you ever received Medicaid benefits? Do you currently receive, or have you ever received public assistance, Families First, benefits? If yes, for what period of time? From: _____ To: ____ Did you receive these benefits in Tennessee? \(\mathbb{Q}\) Yes \(\mathbb{Q}\) No In which other state(s) did you receive these benefits? ______ Name, phone number and address of a person we can contact if we are not able to reach you. Phone number: (_______ Relationship: ______

	Address:		
	City:	State:	Zip:
If y If y chi If y chi If y resi	you are the alternate residential parent you are the primary residential parent (ld(ren). You were married when the child(ren) wald(ren), Tennessee law states your husband you are applying for support from more		a about the alternate residential parent (ARP) of the time during the 300 days before the birth of your must complete a separate application for each alternate
1.	Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Name:
	Maiden Name (if applicable):		
2.	Alias or nicknames: Last:	First:	Middle:
3.	What is the alternate residential parent	(ARP)'s relationship to the child(ren)?	er 🗖 Mother
4.	Phone number(s) for the alternate reside	ential parent (ARP).	
	Home: ()	Cell: ()	Has ARP ever lived in Tennessee? ☐ Yes ☐
5.	Address of the alternate residential pare	ent (ARP):	
	Current or last known MAILING address	ess:	
	City:	State:	Zip:
	Is mail delivered to this address? \square Y	es 🗖 No	
	Current or last known <u>LIVING</u> address	::	
	City:	State:	Zip:
	Do you confirm the ARP lives here?	Yes □ No	
6.	Is the alternate residential parent (ARP)	self-employed?	at occupation?
7.	Alternate residential parent (ARP)'s cu	rrent employer:	
	Address:		Work number: ()
	City:	State:	Zip:
	Alternate residential parent (ARP)'s pro	evious employer:	
	Address:		
	City:	State:	Zip:
8.	General information about the alternate i	residential parent (ARP)	
	Social Security number	Birthplace (city/county/state)	Date of birth
	Approximate age	Driver's license number (include state)	Sex
	Race	Height	Weight
	Hair color	Eye color	Photograph provided?
	Distinguishing marks	Known disabilities	Email Address

9.	_	ent (ARP) currently in 🚨 jani 🚨		_			
				release date:			
	City:		State:	Zip:			
10.	Is this alternate residential pa	rent (ARP) on 🗖 probation 🗖 or pa	role? If yes, provide the followi	ng information:			
	Parole or probation officer's	name:					
	Address:		Ph	one number: ()_			
	City:		State:	Zip:			
11.	Has the alternate residential p	parent (ARP) ever served in the arme	d forces? ☐ Yes ☐ No If y	res, which branch?			
	Dates of service: From:	To:					
	Is the alternate residential pa	rent (ARP) retired from the military	or in the reserves?	□ No			
12.	Does the alternate residential etc.) or from other sources?	parent (ARP) receive any pensions o ☐ Yes ☐ No	or benefits from the federal gover	nment (Social Security, S	SI, VA, retired military		
	If yes, provide: Source (1):		Approxir	nate monthly income amo	ount		
	Source (2):		Approxir	nate monthly income amo	ount		
	Source (3):	:	Approxir	mate monthly income amo	ount		
3.	Describe any assets the alternation	ate residential parent (ARP) may ow	n.				
	Cars, trucks, motorcycles	Make:	Model:		Year:		
		Color:	License plate number:		State:		
		Color.	License plate number.		State.		
	Bank accounts:						
	Real estate:						
	Other assets:						
14.	Other contacts for the alterna	te residential parent (ARP). Give an	y information you have, even if i	t is incomplete:			
	Mother (first/middle/last na	ame)	Maiden Name	Phone number:			
	Address/City/State			Zip			
	Father (first/middle/last name)			Phone number:			
	Address/City/State			Zip			
	Friend or other relative (fir	st/middle/last name)		Phone number:			
	Address/City/State			Zip			

IV. COURT ORDER INFORMATION

Is there a court order for child support for the child(ren) for whom child support services are requested? \square Yes \square No If yes, provide any information you have about the existing court order(s). Attach copies of the orders and payment records, if available.

Name of the court that issued the order	Date of the order
Docket/case number	County/State
How are payments made? (through court, IV-D agency, or directly to care	taker) Amount of support ordered
Pay frequency ordered (weekly, monthly, other, etc.)	Payment due date
Date and amount of the last payment/collection	Amount of the arrearage
names of any other possible fathers of the child(ren) for whom you are	
Which parent provides medical insurance for the child(ren)? Mother Carrier name:	J PPORT Father Both Neither
Policy number:	Insured's name:
Monthly insurance premium:	Number of family members covered by policy:
Name(s) of the child(ren) who are covered by this policy	
Do the child(ren) have any unpaid medical bills?	Yes No (If yes, provide itemized detail and copies of all bills.)
Have you presented the unpaid medical bills to the insurance company?	
	Yes No (If yes, provide a copy of the Explanation of Benefits from the insurance company.)
Have you presented the unpaid medical bills to the other party?	

VII. INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHILD(REN)

List below each of the children of the other parent shown on this application for which you are requesting child support services. For each child, provide all of the necessary information and a copy of that child's birth certificate. Attach additional sheets if needed.

1.	Child's Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
	Social Security Number:	Date	of Birth:
	City / County / State of Birth:		
		erson at the time of birth? In has paternity been established? Bourt order, Other (please specify):	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ No ical insurance policy? ☐ Yes ☐ No
2.	Child's Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
	Social Security Number:	Date	of Birth:
	City / County / State of Birth:		
	 a. Were the parents married to each oth b. Was the mother married to another p c. If this child was born out of wedlock d. If yes, was paternity established by: 	person at the time of birth?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ No
		ourt order, other (please specify): residential parent (ARP)'s health/med	
3.	Child's Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
			of Birth:
			or Bittii.
	a. Were the parents married to each othb. Was the mother married to another p		☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ No
	c. If this child was born out of wedlockd. If yes, was paternity established by:	, has paternity been established?	☐ Yes ☐ No
	□ voluntary acknowledgment, □ co		in the second of
	e. Is this child covered by the alternate	residential parent (ARP)'s health/med	ical insurance policy? ☐ Yes ☐ No

INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHILDREN (continued)

4.	Child's Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
	Social Security Number:	Date	e of Birth:
	City / County / State of Birth:		
	,	person at the time of birth? ck, has paternity been established? court order, other (please specify):	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ dical insurance policy? ☐ Yes ☐ No
5.	Child's Last Name		
			e of Birth:
	City / County / State of Birth:		
	a. Were the parents married to each ot	her at the time of birth?	☐ Yes ☐ No
	b. Was the mother married to another	person at the time of birth?	☐ Yes ☐ No
	c. If this child was born out of wedloc		☐ Yes ☐ No
	d. If yes, was paternity established by:		
	-		dical insurance policy? ☐ Yes ☐ No
6.	Child's Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
	Social Security Number:	Date	e of Birth:
	City / County / State of Birth:		
	a. Were the parents married to each of		☐ Yes ☐ No
	b. Was the mother married to another		☐ Yes ☐ No
	c. If this child was born out of wedloc	•	☐ Yes ☐ No
	c. II tills cillia was bolli but bi wedibe	n, mas paterinty occin established:	<u> </u>
	d If yes was naternity established by		
	d. If yes, was paternity established by: □ voluntary acknowledgment. □ c		

APPLICATION

I,, am applying for Child Support services p Services. I understand and acknowledge the following by initialing each line b	rovided by the Child Support Agency of the Tennessee Department of Human relow :
The Child Support attorney handling my case represents the State of Tenno	essee, not me personally.
The information that I supply is the source for any petition filed for me.	
The Child Support office will act to enforce the alternate residential parent	(ARP)'s legal child support obligations. If the Child Support office determines any
action to be improper or unwarranted, it will not take that action.	
If I give any information or testimony that a court finds to be false, the Sta	te may prosecute me for perjury.
If I get any money as the result of fraud on my part, I understand that the S	state may charge me with fraud. Also, the State may require me to pay back any
money that I get through fraud.	
The Child Support office does not promise the success of any action, or re-	•
The services provided by the Child Support agency only include enforcing establishing paternity, and in some limited cases, obtaining spousal support	rights to child support, obtaining and enforcing health insurance orders, rt. These services do not include actions involving custody, visitation, or similar
issues. If such issues are raised in this case, I understand that I must secur	
	s the Child Support office may provide services to others whose interests conflict
with mine.	,
I must pay filing fees or court costs if the court determines I am able to pay	them. In addition, if I have never received Families First /
	harge me a \$25 annual fee for providing child support services, but only after
	e State will keep the next \$25 in child support that it collects for my case after the
	y filing fees or associated costs the other state requires for my case to proceed.
	collected each month above the current support owed each month will be kept by
the State to repay the TANF/Families First benefits I have received.	. 00
If the child(ren) in this case receive Medicaid, I must tell the Child Support	
If I get a private attorney to represent me in obtaining child support, I agree My case will be submitted to the IRS Treasury Offset Program if it meets t	
A. A court or administrative agency has ordered the alternate residential	
	Child Support office. Also, there must be a copy of the court's payment record on
	I must give the Child Support office a signed affidavit of the amount owed by the
alternate residential parent (ARP).	. mass give the contact and any and an analysis of the amount of the
C. The alternate residential parent (ARP) must owe at least \$500.00 pas	t due child support under such order.
D. The Child Support office has the Social Security number (SSN) of th	
I further understand that if my case is submitted for the IRS Treasury Offse	
	Treasury Offset Program collection through the Federal Tax Refund Offset Program
is only possible if the alternate residential parent (ARP) files a tax ret	turn and is due a refund from the IRS.
 If money is collected through this process and a joint return is involv collections to me. 	ed, the State has the right to hold the refund for six months before sending any
C. If I have received TANF or Families First benefits, the State will keep provided by the State.	p part or all of the refund to repay any TANF/Families First benefits previously
D. The State has the right to withhold amounts from future IRS offsets i	f I do not voluntarily repay amounts paid to me in error.
E. The IRS charges a fee up to \$25.00 for each collection made through	the offset program. This fee will be deducted before I receive any collection.
I must repay to the State any money that I am overpaid, or that is sent	
A. I am personally hable for the return of any amounts I receive in error support account, including but not limited to payments sent to me in	to correct an overpayment owed to the State for any reason to correct my child error.
B. By checking the consent box at the end of this paragraph I am indica	ting consent to automatic withholding, without further notice, from any future
support payments collected on my behalf of amounts paid to me in en	rror until the balance is paid in full. My consent is optional. The services I
	nd later change my mind, I must notify the Child Support office in writing that
	ng by checking the "do not consent" box, the State is not prevented from
	of which I will be responsible for payment of any costs of such action,
including court costs and attorney fees. (If neither of the following	boxes is checked, it will be presumed that I have provided my consent.)
☐ I consent to such withholding.	☐ I do NOT consent to such withholding.
I swear or affirm that the information I have provided in support of this applicate with the Department of Human Services and the local Child Support office in the acknowledgment. I declare that I understand it fully and agree with the terms.	ion is correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. I will cooperate e matter. Further, I swear or affirm that I have read this affirmation and
Signature	Date