

1. Please select the most appropriate response that describes your involvement with child support in Kansas. Judges and Attorneys should select their professional status. If you are a judge or attorney working in the area of child support and you are also paying or receiving child support, you will have the opportunity to respond to those survey items as well. A response to this item is required before you can proceed.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Child Support Payor	0.0%	0
Child Support Recipient	100.0%	308
Other - individual not working in the area of child support	0.0%	0
District Judge	0.0%	0
Magistrate Judge	0.0%	0
Hearing Officer	0.0%	0
Attorney employed by SRS or SRS Contractor	0.0%	0
Attorney in private practice	0.0%	0
Attorney working with a Court Trustee's Office	0.0%	0
Other - working professionally in the area of child support	0.0%	0
answered question		308
skipped question		0

2. Please review the recommended changes to the Kansas Child Support Guidelines and indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statement for each section listed:

"The following sections of the Kansas Child Support Guidelines are improved by the recommended changes."

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Rating Average	Response Count
Section II.F Imputed Income	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.00	0
Section III.B.7 Sharing Equal or Nearly Equal Time and Expenses	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.00	0
Section IV.2.c. Removing the Equal Parenting Time Adjustment (80/20 rule)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.00	0
Section IV.E.4 Special Needs and Extraordinary Expenses	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.00	0
Section V Change of Circumstances - Duty to Notify	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.00	0
Section V Change of Circumstances - Termination of Employment for Incarceration or Misconduct	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.00	0
Appendix II Updated Child Support Schedules	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	0.00	0
						answered question	0
						skipped question	308

3. Feel free to explain your responses.

	Response Count
	0
answered question	0
skipped question	308

4. Feel free to comment on any other aspect of the Kansas Child Support Guidelines.

	Response Count
	0
answered question	0
skipped question	308

5. Select the appropriate option to continue the survey, or to exit and submit the survey.

	Response Percent	Response Count
I'm done. Exit and submit the survey.	0.0%	0
I am a paying or receiving parent and wish to complete that portion of the survey.	0.0%	0
answered question		0
skipped question		308

6. Please indicate whether the section applies to your situation and if the recommended change could have a direct impact on your child support order.

	Yes	No	Uncertain	Response Count
This section applies to my child support order.	48.4% (118)	27.0% (66)	24.6% (60)	244
The recommended change could have a direct impact on my child support order.	51.9% (123)	21.5% (51)	26.6% (63)	237
			answered question	252
			skipped question	56

7. Please select the response that most closely reflects your level of agreement with the following statements.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Rating Average	Response Count
I agree with the recommended change.	6.1% (15)	5.3% (13)	25.7% (63)	33.5% (82)	29.4% (72)	3.75	245
							answered question
							245
							skipped question
							63

8. Feel free to explain your response.

	Response Count
	69
	answered question
	69
	skipped question
	239

9. Please indicate whether the section applies to your situation and if the recommended change could have a direct impact on your child support order.

	Yes	No	Uncertain	Response Count
This section applies to my child support order.	22.5% (52)	61.5% (142)	16.0% (37)	231
The recommended change could have a direct impact on my child support order.	21.6% (48)	56.8% (126)	21.6% (48)	222
			answered question	236
			skipped question	72

10. Please select the response that most closely reflects your level of agreement with the following statement.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Rating Average	Response Count
I agree with the recommended change.	9.3% (21)	11.0% (25)	50.2% (114)	18.9% (43)	10.6% (24)	3.11	227
							answered question
							81

11. Feel free to explain your response.

	Response Count
	48
answered question	48
skipped question	260

12. Please indicate whether the section applies to your situation and if the recommended change could have a direct impact on your child support order.

	Yes	No	Uncertain	Response Count
This section applies to my child support order.	19.4% (42)	57.6% (125)	23.0% (50)	217
The recommended change could have a direct impact on my child support order.	18.3% (39)	55.9% (119)	25.8% (55)	213
			answered question	221
			skipped question	87

13. Please select the response that most closely reflects your level of agreement with the following statement.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Rating Average	Response Count
I agree with the recommended change.	7.0% (15)	8.9% (19)	61.0% (130)	16.0% (34)	7.0% (15)	3.07	213
							answered question
							213
							skipped question
							95

14. Feel free to explain your response.

	Response Count
	18
answered question	18
skipped question	290

15. Please indicate whether the section applies to your situation and if the recommended change could have a direct impact on your child support order.

	Yes	No	Uncertain	Response Count
This section applies to my child support order.	38.8% (83)	48.1% (103)	13.1% (28)	214
The recommended change could have a direct impact on my child support order.	41.3% (88)	42.3% (90)	16.4% (35)	213
			answered question	217
			skipped question	91

16. Please select the response that most closely reflects your level of agreement with the following statement.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Rating Average	Response Count
I agree with the recommended change.	3.3% (7)	3.3% (7)	36.5% (77)	27.0% (57)	29.9% (63)	3.77	211
							answered question
							211
							skipped question
							97

17. Feel free to explain your response.

	Response Count
	52
answered question	52
skipped question	256

18. Please indicate whether the section applies to your situation and if the recommended change could have a direct impact on your child support order.

	Yes	No	Uncertain	Response Count
This section applies to my child support order.	59.1% (123)	22.1% (46)	18.8% (39)	208
The recommended change could have a direct impact on my child support order.	57.1% (120)	21.4% (45)	21.4% (45)	210
			answered question	212
			skipped question	96

19. Please select the response that most closely reflects your level of agreement with the following statement.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Rating Average	Response Count
I agree with the recommended change.	2.9% (6)	1.9% (4)	18.8% (39)	34.1% (71)	42.3% (88)	4.11	208
							answered question
							skipped question

20. Feel free to explain your response.

	Response Count
	44
	answered question
	skipped question

21. Please indicate whether the section applies to your situation and if the recommended change could have a direct impact on your child support order.

	Yes	No	Uncertain	Response Count
This section applies to my child support order.	40.2% (84)	40.7% (85)	19.1% (40)	209
The recommended change could have a direct impact on my child support order.	42.4% (89)	34.3% (72)	23.3% (49)	210
			answered question	213
			skipped question	95

22. Please select the response that most closely reflects your level of agreement with the following statement.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Rating Average	Response Count
I agree with the recommended change.	3.9% (8)	4.9% (10)	26.3% (54)	27.8% (57)	37.1% (76)	3.89	205
							answered question
							205
							skipped question
							103

23. Feel free to explain your response.

	Response Count
	30
answered question	30
skipped question	278

24. Please indicate whether the section applies to your situation and if the recommended change could have a direct impact on your child support order.

	Yes	No	Uncertain	Response Count
This section applies to my child support order.	69.6% (144)	20.3% (42)	10.1% (21)	207
The recommended change could have a direct impact on my child support order.	69.4% (143)	18.4% (38)	12.1% (25)	206
			answered question	210
			skipped question	98

25. Please select the response that most closely reflects your level of agreement with the following statement.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Rating Average	Response Count
I agree with the recommended change.	5.3% (11)	1.0% (2)	17.4% (36)	29.5% (61)	46.9% (97)	4.12	207
							answered question
							207
							skipped question
							101

26. Feel free to explain your response.

	Response Count
	44
answered question	44
skipped question	264

27. Feel free to comment on any other aspect of the Kansas Child Support Guidelines.

**Response
Count**

80

answered question

80

skipped question

228

Imputed Income

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| 1 | INCOME CALCULATIONS ARE SO OUT OF LEFT FIELD IT MAKES NO SENSE | Oct 19, 2011 5:33 PM |
| 2 | I believe that when the support payer loses their job, especially on purpose, that the child support should be figured up using the income that they could be making...not what they are choosing to make or not make in order to decrease their payable amount. | Oct 19, 2011 6:57 AM |
| 3 | My former spouse works long enough for child support to submit an IWO, and then gets terminated for frivolous and preventable reasons. | Oct 18, 2011 6:43 PM |
| 4 | I think this would apply, because the payee has in the past had issues with quitting jobs or being terminated for misconduct. My support dropped from 850 monthly to 296 monthly | Oct 17, 2011 10:12 PM |
| 5 | My ex-wife was fired from her job for sleeping on the job shortly after the income withholding order started coming out of her check. This was the third time that something of this nature had happened in the last 2 years. She then tried to have her child support reduced because she found another job that paid less money, but the judge ruled that it did not qualify as a "significant" change in income. This would prevent things of this nature from affecting how much child support someone must pay. | Oct 14, 2011 7:09 PM |
| 6 | This happens in my case about every 6-9 months. He will quit a job, has been fired for misconduct, and will be under employed to beat the system. He currently has his income inputted due to these continuous circumstances. | Oct 14, 2011 8:49 AM |
| 7 | The absent parent continues to be unemployed or when employed quits when child support learns of his employer. Harsher punishment is needed. Income computation does not matter he does not pay. | Oct 14, 2011 6:03 AM |
| 8 | Too many parents will choose not to work or will work under the table to avoid paying child support. | Oct 13, 2011 6:24 AM |
| 9 | The children should not have to suffer from less income due to lack of responsibility of the absent parent. If that's the case the absent parent could choose not to work just to get away with not paying support, which is very unlawful. | Oct 12, 2011 1:19 PM |
| 10 | My ex-husband went from working as an insurance salesman to an employee at restaurant type jobs to lower his child support several years ago. | Oct 12, 2011 9:31 AM |
| 11 | The person I am should get support from avoids working in one job to long in order to avoid paying. | Oct 11, 2011 10:38 AM |
| 12 | My daughters father [REDACTED] continually has tried to beat the system and get out of paying his child support by working under the table for cash. It is my hope that this will change due to the new rules. | Oct 8, 2011 8:51 AM |
| 13 | im not sure im filling this out right. I would just like to talk with child support enforcement because my daughters father hasnt worked in over 10 yrs just so he doesnt have to pay and also moved out of state to hide. well i retained his address and was hoping that i could get some help and support to pursue back | Oct 6, 2011 10:00 PM |

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- support due and how to get it started seems i live on a fixed disability check with 2 children and no help what so ever. thanks
- 14 My ex-husband has spoken to his boss in order to find out what he could do in order to get fired so that he would not have to pay child support. I believe that every man or woman who has children is responsible to take care of them. Oct 6, 2011 6:54 PM
- 15 I FEEL THINGS SHOULD BE LEFT ALONE. THE COURTS ORDERED FOR A REASON AND NOT FOR SOME LAW MAKERS TO MAKE CHANGES TO SOMETHING THAT THEY ARE NOT DIRECTLY EFFECTED BY PERIOD. QUIT TRYING TO FIX SOMETHING THAT IS NOT BROKEN, Oct 5, 2011 10:17 PM
- 16 With put this kind of language in place it is imperative that it is followed up with the necessary actions to deal with this situation. If they quit or get fired then legal action needs to take place. More child support workers and attorneys are needed in order to provide the necessary enforcement needed for these case through the Child Support Enforcement Units for Kansas. Harsher laws and wording need to be followed up with harsher penalties holding absent parents responsible. Otherwise this is a waste of time, energy and tax dollars. Oct 5, 2011 2:31 PM
- 17 i just wished that you would think about the parent that has the child(ren) 24/7 and you would make the change on how we recieve our payments when you garnish the absent parent check. some of us rely on the child support and when you put us in a bad situation by only taking part of there check if you would take what is owed us on the 1st of every month so we can pay for our child(ren) school expenses and food in stead of having to say well sorry the money didn't show up and you will need to wait our kids do not need to suffer anymore. make the absent parent pay on the 1st of every month or go to jail plain and simple our children can't sit and wait forever on the things that they need. if the court order says a certain amount then take all of it at once not split it up cause then you are giving the absent parent the upper hand if you understand what i am saying. Oct 5, 2011 12:44 PM
- 18 I Know That Some Employment Is Seasonal However A LOT Of Payors Purposefully Work These Types Of Jobs & Refuse To Seek Other Employment/ Employment In Others Trades To Avoid Paying Support, Therefore This Needs To Be An Amount Appropriately Adjusted To Reflect The Payor Possibly Not Being Paid The Same Rate Of Pay, Due To Having To Change Trades During The Season Of Underemployment, Or The Payors Outright Refusal To Seek Other Employment During The Diluted Season Of Employment. Oct 5, 2011 10:49 AM
- 19 I have had a situation where he deliberately did not work because then he didn't get a garnishment of wages. Although, that is not the case anymore. He is now on Disability and I get child support. Although my other child's father has said that and I Quote "If they garnish my wage, I will quit" so what good is that and how do you prove it and if he does quit there just isn't any money. Either way, I feel there isn't much you can do law or no law Oct 4, 2011 12:26 PM
- 20 i feel no matter what circumstance that you are in ,the child is the one that pays,for less education,for less clothing needs,for less basic needs . Oct 4, 2011 4:47 AM
- 21 I think it should be raised more and the child support payees should have more consequences when they don't.pay. Oct 3, 2011 10:37 PM

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- 22 My x-wife pays child support to my daughter and is self employed. Her amount of income is deliberately made to show that she makes less than what she does. The child support amount was lowered because of this and she has made that known to me. This keeps money away from my child that she could use in the future and now. Oct 3, 2011 8:14 PM
- 23 I would like to say I agree but I thought that everyone who is ordered by the court to pay child support is suppose to!!!! My children have not recieved child support from their supposingly dad in two years he is over well over 10,000 behind. our order is kspaycenter.com [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is suppose to be paying please turn this in to who needs to know so he can be dealt with. He gets to claim one of my girls and shouldnt bc he doesnt support her Oct 3, 2011 8:27 AM
- 24 I think that it is a good idea to use the income that they would have gotten if they did not get fired due to misbehavior. Oct 2, 2011 8:06 PM
- 25 all parties should be held accountable and not be underemployed or make poor decisions to escape from responsibilities Sep 29, 2011 3:39 PM
- 26 The payee of child support in my case - has continually avoided paying child support by working under the table or refusing to work at all. This is an excellent addition! Fifteen years later, he now owes \$80,000 in back support. I feel in incidents such as this, the payee should be held accountable for criminal charges and sanctioned appropriately. Sep 29, 2011 7:26 AM
- 27 Child support should not be changed because a person does not want to work. Sep 28, 2011 8:45 PM
- 28 While the recommended change does not directly apply to me at this time, I have been threatened in the past by the support payer that he will terminate his employment and purposely accept a position paying much less to avoid child support. Sep 28, 2011 8:48 AM
- 29 My ex-husband is a owner of his own company he can choose how to make his paycheck work to his advantage. Sep 28, 2011 6:38 AM
- 30 I haven't received any child support at any time while ex-husband was unemployed or incarcerated. Makes it very hard to raise children on 1 income Sep 27, 2011 1:57 PM
- 31 My fiancée has a daughter and though this new change would not effect my child support situation it could effect his. He has sole custody of his 4 yr old and has never received child support from her mother. Its been 10 yrs now. She has drug issues and since she has been unemployed by choice all these yrs something needs to be done to hold her responsible. Its ridiculous that if my fiancée were the one skipping out he would have been in jail by now. She, however, gets off without any sort of repercussions. Sep 27, 2011 12:25 PM
- 32 My son's father was/is a tree trimmer working for a local company and was making \$50,000 taxable accounted for income, through an actual paycheck, when we were together, which is what his child support is based on. In the past years he is still doing the exact same line of work, except now he works for himself, which gives him more money in pocket, but since its all in cash it's unaccountable income. He never keeps a job very long that is an actual paycheck for then it's gets garnished due to lack of payment of child support and Sep 26, 2011 8:47 AM

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he is forever in arrears. He is living in a home he is buying, owns multiple cars, boats, four wheelers, dirt bikes and trucks, has a wife, step daughter and son with his wife but yet never can pay his child support to his first born child with me because he claims he's "not working" yet is able to live quite a nice life. I work, go to school full time, and take care of our son 24/7. He doesn't even take his son for his scheduled parenting time and when he does, he still gets a sitter and goes out. how can he afford to gamble and "go out" when he doesn't work let alone one would think he's want to spend some time with his child he never gets to see.

- 33 I think that an insurance payment should be imputed and added to the child support payment. Sep 24, 2011 8:31 PM
- 34 I believe that my childrens dad is on purposely underemployed. As in that he has worked at his job for almost 10 years and they will tell SRS that he works on commission and isn't making any commision. How can a person work for a place and somehow isn't making any money to take home? I recieved maybe 16 weeks of child support this year. This is the first since 2004. We have been divorced since 1998 and it has been like this. NO SUPPORT!!! Sep 22, 2011 8:26 PM
- 35 My ex-wife purposefully quit her job during the first court hearing so she would not have to pay as much child support. She has been working the system every since. I have twin 1 year olds and have been taking care of them since they were 17 months old. She and others abuse the system to get away with less child support while, we the receivers of the support, are left defenseless to do anything. Sep 22, 2011 9:59 AM
- 36 The purpose of Child Support is to in fact support the child(ren). Many parents deliberately seek a lesser paying job to "dodge" paying support that the family may have been accustomed to without a court order to enforce the paying of the child support. Most NCP's are bitter about paying child support. It also takes 2 people to make a child, regardless of the parents choices they make...which may land them incarcerated, the child(ren) are still in need of support. Whether the monthly obligation goes into arrears, the obligation should not be lowered when one parent is incarcerated as the needs of the child(ren) did not stop. The parent not incarcerated is the sole provider of the child(ren) when it took both parents to make the child....therefore, both parents should be financially responsible. For how ever long the parent not incarcerated had to provide support to the child(ren) the obligation should go into arrears and when/if the incarcerated parent is release, would have current obligation enforced along with arrears. - In my specific case, my child support obligation was set at an amount that was the average of the previous 3 years. Even though, I agree with an average, there should be some sort of guidelines to computing the average. For 9 months of 1 of these years included in the average, the NCP, was purposely unemployed. This greatly effected the averaged amount. I then had to file a motion to modify the child support a year later to show the change of circumstance. Which, would have been avoided if the average would have even included the federal minimum wage for those 9 months of no income. This caused additional attorney fees, court costs and time in the court system. Sep 21, 2011 5:45 PM
- 37 I have ben supposed to have been recieveing \$144.00 a month for my daughter since she was 3 or 4 years old. My ex pays when it humors him, last I knew he was some 8000 in back child support. Our amount never increased because for Sep 21, 2011 3:48 PM

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years he's reported he's unemployed and claimed injury on federal tax returns. He has lied to the system and my daughter has suffered because of it. When the cost of milk is relative to the cost of gas per gallon and there have been cost of living raises I think that child support should increase.

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| 38 | In reading I am not clear on what impact it will have on parents mothers in particular who have to pay child support and do not work but have another party that is their support. | Sep 21, 2011 12:50 PM |
| 39 | Child Support payor does not work when capable or quits once child support deducted from earnings. | Sep 20, 2011 11:26 AM |
| 40 | When I started receiving child support, the father of my child had a wonderful job. As time went on, he quit that job, and then started working "under the table". His income did not go to me any longer, and I could not prove what he was doing. With this change he can not deliberately bounce from job to job and create fear in me that he will lower the child support due to unemployment when it is his deliberance as to why he does not have a job. | Sep 20, 2011 10:21 AM |
| 41 | It takes MONTHS to find him working, MONTHS to get a response from the employer and MONTHS to get him to court or a garnishment and then he quits again and is never held liable for his actions, when it clearly shows he is avoiding child support. I believe there should be a "late fee" every month he doesnt pay just as you would if you didnt pay your bills on time. | Sep 20, 2011 9:22 AM |
| 42 | I am unsure that this will affect my child support order. I rarely receive child support, he is an off again, on again worker, but when I do receive it is greatly needed. So, I am hoping that it does not hender the child support that I do receive. | Sep 20, 2011 4:50 AM |
| 43 | The father paying Child support for my daughter recently was fired after almost 13 years on the job for being lazy. Never have messed with the child support set in the beginning never raised or lowered it on either side. All of sudden I find out one day father wants to lower it since he got fired but failed to let me know he was fired from his job. I find out that my daughter can not go get her yearly shots for school from the doctors office for an appointment we had planned saying my daughters insurance was canceled and I never received any information of this from the father whom was responsible for carrying the insurance on my daughter. Now after reading all of this I feel I should have had the child support increased at least once, since we barely get by as it is. | Sep 19, 2011 7:37 PM |
| 44 | In our Case the Absent parent has not followed court orders. Back in October 2009 he was terminated from his job. We received few and small inconsistent payments in the amounts lesser than \$5 and somehow this has continued even after his court appearance with the judge and probation orders. | Sep 19, 2011 5:48 PM |
| 45 | their are some men out there that dont work just so they wont have to pay but for the ones that are working and they are laid off or just having trouble finding work i dont think they should be penalized for this. if they are in jail what makes you think they can pay while they are there,why bother | Sep 19, 2011 2:10 PM |
| 46 | My ex-husband works at a company that pays him much less an hour than he always made so that I do not receive as much in child support as I should. He | Sep 19, 2011 11:39 AM |

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also works for this company because they will pay him many hours under the table so child support cannot be taken out of it. I reported this in 2006 to the IRS but they said they do not go after the employer in situations like this but they would go after the payer however it is 2011 and nothing has happened as of now. He never filed his 2006 taxes because he claimed he did not work at all that year, however he was working for the same company that he works for today. There needs to be some kind of protection from this kind of situation.

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| 47 | I know my x husband is a dead beat dad. He deliberately does not hold down a job and bounces so the courts have trouble keeping up with him. He has already been found in contempt of court but it has already been again just like in the past going on 6 months again on not paying child support because he is job skipping and the courts still have not done anything. He knows that this contempt of court does nothing to him so he is playing the system. In the mean time his daughter loses. | Sep 19, 2011 9:55 AM |
| 48 | I have/had a deadbeat dad that was in prison 5 years and I had to pay Dr's, dentists, school fees, etc, etc and there is no reason he should not be liable and in debt equally just because he has made bad decisions and is incarcerated | Sep 19, 2011 7:40 AM |
| 49 | My daughter's dad is a teacher, and usually for the summer break I would still get support from his unemployment benefits, however this summer I did not receive anything because he was unable to get unemployment. I would have liked to been informed of that so that I would have prepared myself. | Sep 19, 2011 7:29 AM |
| 50 | If a parent owes support and deliberately becomes unemployed or underemployed to lessen that obligation, support should not be reduced. If it is reduced it rewards the payer for avoiding obligations. | Sep 18, 2011 9:36 AM |
| 51 | There are many parents out there that don't work thinking they wont have to pay that much in childsupport. The kids are the only ones that suffer. | Sep 17, 2011 6:10 PM |
| 52 | my childrens dad has a self employed job besides ha is regular job and he doesnt work his busuness job so he wont pay me | Sep 17, 2011 4:47 PM |
| 53 | I have to agree with this new order because I am a parent who gets child support and now twice the payor of child support the other parent has been fired from his job and due to this the child support has been decreased. | Sep 17, 2011 10:52 AM |
| 54 | I think there should be harsher punishment for the dead beats. I no that the parent that is supporting the child should have more say so on the parent that doesn't want to pay or get insurance for there child even if its court ordered. But the court says maybe he cant afford it , well do you really think the mother can? No they just give alot of things up to make sure they can afford it. And the court should't allow this. | Sep 16, 2011 7:55 PM |
| 55 | Yes I think that if a parent quits a job due to not wanting to pay child support then jumps to another state and tries over and over for disability as in my case has been going on for 10 years with no response in getting the back child support paid and then he starts after 10 years to get SSI and I am told can't touch SSI for child support when I have been working 2 and 3 jobs to raise my kids and all child support can tell me is to be patient and that we can't do anything to him as long as he is trying for disability. that the children must suffer and the non | Sep 16, 2011 6:56 PM |

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custodial parent can sit back and LAUGH cause he knows that child support won't do anything to him . I feel like the system lets moms down when this goes on an dthe children are the ones suffering when the mom is working to keep her kids off of welfare and keeps praying that one day the child support will come in . My cause is still ongoing and no relief insight as I work 2 jobs now and my youngest is 17 now and will graduate in a few months and I still have a large balance on my account from my Ex and all I get from my case lady is that we can't touch his SSI and I think that is crap if it is money then he should have to pay up if it was me I would be in jail or even if it was anyone else as MY EX owes me well over \$36, 000.00 in arrears and they continue to add up. So tell me where Child support laws protect the children and look out for thier well being.

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| 56 | It's difficult to equate time and expenses. Time spent at one parent is not necessarily the same as time spent at the other parent. In our circumstance, one parent represents order, responsibility, dedication to learning and the other parent represents a fun house. | Sep 16, 2011 6:39 PM |
| 57 | Non-custodial parent has been under employed or a contractor for an employer in order to avoid payment of child support. | Sep 16, 2011 5:56 PM |
| 58 | My ex husband was in Jail for 90 days and while it wasn't very long I was also a full time nursing student who worked barely 20 hours a week. Not recieving child support during that time put a finical burden on me in providing for my children without having to work full time so I could have time with them. | Sep 16, 2011 4:27 PM |
| 59 | My husband and I both receive child support as we are the custodial parents for each of our children from previous marriages. However, my husbands ex-wife refuses to obtain employment or to file her tax returns when she has had employment so that she does not have to pay support. Currently, she is married to a deployed soldier and lives on his income, but makes no attempts to pay the nearly \$12,000 she owes in back support! At this point, she cannot be made to get a job or pay back support. | Sep 16, 2011 12:36 PM |
| 60 | Great as so many of them are purpsoley not working or not reporting where they are working!!! | Sep 16, 2011 11:20 AM |
| 61 | I have heard of some dads doing this, or making the minimum for them to get by but not their children. It's not right and it is nice that they are considering the children first by paying the person taking care of them! | Sep 16, 2011 11:11 AM |
| 62 | If the parent loses their job due to personal conduct, then the child support shouldn't change. The fact that the parent was able to have a job, and lost it due their inability to follow the rules ultimately affects the child. | Sep 16, 2011 11:09 AM |
| 63 | I believe my exhusband refuses to work because he enjoys making ym life difficult. I do not get regular supports payments but he always has new clothes, shoes, and name brand items. He knows i work adn since I am remarried I have my husbands income so he doesn't feel he needs to pay me for child support. | Sep 16, 2011 9:41 AM |
| 64 | My son's father was briefly cooperating with kps. Now, even though he is working under the table to avoid paying child support or taxes, i haven't received a dime. Having a mentally disabled teenager, this money is very important. | Sep 16, 2011 8:40 AM |

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When i wrote CSE for help, they took it personally that i refered to the childs father as a "bum and deadbeat" and haven't done anything. I took it upon myself to contact a collection agency in a different state and hopefully will get the help i need.

- 65 My ex is always getting fired or looses jobs & Kansas does nothing about it..I havent had a payment since march 11..I think this would help if you would incarcerate him he would keep a job. I have been going thru this for 16 years.. Feel free to look at my case I wish someone would do something. [REDACTED] He only owes my in back pay about 18,000.00. There needs to changes done in 2012. Should have been done along time ago. I live in [REDACTED] & if he was here not paying he would have been in jail along time ago.. Sep 16, 2011 7:38 AM
- 66 If I read correctly, then they are taking some of the punishment for those who don't pay child support away? What good is going to come of that? My ex just went to court and was put on 4 years probation and if he doesn't pay or misses a month then there will be a bench warrant put out for his arrest. It's not my fault, or our sons fault, that his father doesn't want to pay but has the ability to but also has 2 other children. If there's no consequences for their actions then what's the point for them to keep paying? He see's our son every other week because of distance and now school yet he only has to pay \$150 a month, now 175\$ because of unpaid child support. That's seems pretty easy for someone to pay if they aren't spending it unwisely. If there is no punishment, then he's not going to pay. Sep 16, 2011 7:35 AM
- 67 My ex refuses to work because he claims he was injured. He is supported by his wife and claims she cannot afford to pay his child support. Sep 15, 2011 7:07 PM
- 68 I strongly agree with this change in the hope that the state will not change or lower child support because my exhusband chooses to not work on purpose. Most of the time he just continuously gets fired for misconduct (being late or insubordination) and always gets his child support lowered. Sep 12, 2011 10:16 AM
- 69 I agreebut I would like to know who would determine if you woere fired for misconduct. Some counties in Kansas can terminate you for moving out of the county to better your childs educational opportunities. Better educational oppourtunities are in the best interest of the child but can also cost you the loss of your job. Sep 10, 2011 6:56 AM

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Sharing Equal or Nearly Equal Time & Expenses

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| 1 | My son does not spend time with his father even though it is court ordered to do so. My son spends approx. 3 weekends a year with his father. | Oct 20, 2011 3:09 PM |
| 2 | When there are two parents who love and care for a child the child receives the influences of both parents, mom's take daughters to the theater, shopping, out to lunch, to the beauty shop, to get a manicure and dad's take the boys to the ballgame and the races, and fishing and hunting and camping. However when one parent isn't there that influence is not a part of their development. You have to provide both influences and in order to do that you might have to take them to the ballgames or the racetracks or fishing or camping or to the theater or the ballet or the museum or shopping or out to lunch, these things cost money and it isn't fair that the one parent should have to try to make up for the other one without them getting some form of support from the lazy one who doesn't care about the child. | Oct 20, 2011 8:44 AM |
| 3 | I WANT TO KNOW HOW TO ENFORCE THE SHARED EXPENSES WITHOUT HAVING TO FILE A JUDGEMENT EVERY MONTH FOR REIMBURSEMENT! | Oct 19, 2011 5:34 PM |
| 4 | My children's father gets a parenting time adjustment, but I still pay for all activities, clothing and food. There is no reason for an adjustment, he still has to pay for his house and utilities no matter the situation. The amount I get doesn't cover half of their expenses. If that adjustment was gone then I would have more room for my children to do other activities. The bills/expenses that the father has are going to be there if my children are with him 20% or 50% so to me that doesn't qualify him for a parenting time adjustment. We do not do shared expenses with receipts cause the father doesn't agree with the amounts I spend on clothes, shoes and or activities. I know it is my choice to enroll them in activities. It wouldn't be feasible for us to sit down and have shared expenses. It would cause a bigger strain in the relationship. | Oct 17, 2011 11:14 AM |
| 5 | I believe that if a parent is ordered to pay child support they should pay it no matter the circumstances because there are parents out there that avoid at all and any circumstances paying what they are ordered to pay no matter if they have less or more time with the children they should pay what they owe because they are the parent as well. | Oct 17, 2011 8:50 AM |
| 6 | My ex makes twice as much money as I do and is seeking equal parenting time. If I don't receive child support I will not be able to even afford a one bedroom apartment for my son and myself. | Oct 14, 2011 7:49 AM |
| 7 | Medical expenses are to be shared in my case and I have not seen a dime in 12 years, the court cannot get child support, how are they going to enforce shared expenses. | Oct 14, 2011 6:06 AM |
| 8 | We have 50/50 custody, though my child spends more time with me the mother and I spend more on clothing and all her after school activities. The father thinks CS covers it all, it doesn't. | Oct 13, 2011 8:57 AM |
| 9 | I really don't see this affecting the child support that my daughter is supposed to receive she hardly spends any time with her father nor does he really pay any child support. | Oct 8, 2011 8:54 AM |
| 10 | I don't quite understand all this legal stuff just wanna try to finally get this dead | Oct 6, 2011 10:02 PM |

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beat father to take responsibility by at least helping with a lil financial support seems i have raised her alone her whole 14 yrs

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| 11 | with one of my children her father does not see her at all so i dont think that it will be right for it to be changed | Oct 6, 2011 6:46 AM |
| 12 | LEAVE THINGS ALONE, THIS WILL HARM MORE THEN GOOD. IF ITS NOT BROKEN DON'T FIX IT.... QUIT CHANGING THINGS YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW IT EFFECTS US. | Oct 5, 2011 10:18 PM |
| 13 | I have always been the one responsible to raise the child and mostly with no child support even if it is ordered. | Oct 4, 2011 12:28 PM |
| 14 | i have two fathers on my two children,and neither one wants anything to do with our children,they have no time for them,and will NOT make time for either one of them,i have full force 100% parenting ,because they both lack responsibilities,along with the courts, because they dont encourage these "dead beat dads" to be real and true "fathers". | Oct 4, 2011 4:52 AM |
| 15 | Again, my x-wife moved out of state. I understand that Kansas is unable to enforce or try and get back child support, but..... By moving out of state she does not do or see her daughter at all. Her input whether financially or otherwise is zero. Her amount that she pays should be increased since she does nothing with her daughter. | Oct 3, 2011 8:16 PM |
| 16 | On my orders we do not have equally shared time. ex: 50% time with me 50% time with absent parent or close. On one order my child goes to the absent parent everyother weekend from 5pm on Friday to 5pm on Sunday. The other order the child does not see the absent parent. | Oct 2, 2011 8:13 PM |
| 17 | Finances are never cut and dry - EX: it is not placed in the order that parents get a vehicle for a child, but when one parent does, and pays for the the maintenance,gas, insurance, etc, without the other parents support and the non supportive parent of the vehicle is upset about spending \$20 extra bucks on clothing for the month - it never equals out - just do the right thing which on paper is never easy to see the indioidualized situation - a lot of gray areas | Sep 29, 2011 3:43 PM |
| 18 | Although it does not directly effect my case, as the payee chooses not to exercise any parenting time, I feel in other situations this will definitely be helpfull | Sep 29, 2011 7:28 AM |
| 19 | Some people will not pay anyway so if it's figured into the support order that would help a lot of people. | Sep 28, 2011 8:48 PM |
| 20 | In the past, I shared parenting time equally with my children's father and the options for child support were quite advantageous to the higher wage-earner. I believe this option will help adjust the support so that both parties are able to provide financial support to the children. At this time, I do not equally share parenting time, but still observe an issue concerning SRS benefits and the parent earning less income. Many times shared residential placement and child support allow parents to abuse the SRS benefit system, obtaining benefits full-time when the child is there 50% of the time. | Sep 28, 2011 9:37 AM |
| 21 | The father of my child does not participate in any of her activities, his choice. He | Sep 28, 2011 8:35 AM |

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does not take her on the holidays that he is entitled to or any for that matter. He has no contact with her at all and has not since she turned 11, she is now 14. She does not have any contact with him unless she initiates the contact. He used to assist with school clothing and supplies and throughout the year he would assist with any expenses if the need was there. Since her middle school years he has not contributed towards any school expenses. He has continued to pay the child support, however it is a hit and a miss sometimes.

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| 22 | When you have to write checks to each other..1 or both persons may not be able to follow through with this | Sep 25, 2011 8:03 PM |
| 23 | In the first recommendation, I would want to see numerical data on why they believed this rule was not fair, and numerical data to prove how changing it would make it MORE fair for most families. | Sep 25, 2011 2:03 PM |
| 24 | I agree if it makes it easler for parents to share costs. I also think that there should be a way to overrule the change if a situation demands. | Sep 24, 2011 8:34 PM |
| 25 | First, no order of shared custody should ever be awarded to parents when they cannot/unwilling to communicate. I had shared custody with my older 3 children and we never even had a shared expense order until years later. This was back in 1997 and shared custody was a fairly new alternative. Shared parenting is rarely ever 50/50. Certainly in my case it was not. However, I received \$300.00 per month for 3 children when the NCP made more than half of what I made. Also, my concern for this proposal removing the formula, will only open the door for NCP to go through court services, mediation, case management and motion to modify order to simply "get more time". Not necessarily to see their children more, but the meet the classification of "nearly shared". Which in fact would lower their child support obligation. With this proposal, it states "The parent receiving support receiving parent shall be responsible for all direct expenses." This absolutely needs to be defined more clearly. Every parent will enroll their children in any and every activity, insist on name brand clothes when walmart was acceptable before, etc. The percentages do not seem to be adequate. In my case, receiving \$300 per month, would have me responsible for all direct expenses but I would get an addition \$45 per month for the direct expenses of 3 children? This wording is entirely too vague. \$45 a month barely pays for 2 meals for 3 children. School enrollment for 3 high school students is outrageous in most cases. This would be one item that should be defined in this wording of direct expenses. | Sep 21, 2011 6:07 PM |
| 26 | Parents who are willing to do equal time and equal payment deserve to be treated different from parents who do not. | Sep 21, 2011 12:51 PM |
| 27 | My son only sees his father one weekend a month if that. When he does see him I have to drive over 100 miles round trip twice to make this visit happen. Thus costing me more money and time in doing so. | Sep 20, 2011 10:46 AM |
| 28 | I would like to see a prior study of this working and showing how it actually works. On the other hand, I can see where it would remain in favor of 1 of the parents, but what if your child does not see the absent parent? Maybe this should be a "Special" Entry when in a court situation where both parents are in attendance when it is "Modified" or "Adjusted" and it is proven that there is a reason for the adjustment. As in my situation as others as well, what if the | Sep 20, 2011 9:30 AM |

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- absent parent says he sees his child X amount of days a month and therefore wants an equal time adjustment on his support just to have it lowered to "get out of support" when in fact he never sees the child.
- 29 My children's father does not spend any time with my children. He only spends birthdays and holidays with him, I have begged and pleaded with him but he does not comply. He lies to people about how much time he spends with them so I am worried that if this becomes a stipulation to lower his payments he will continue to lie to get out of paying. Sep 20, 2011 4:54 AM
- 30 The absent parent rarely sees the children. The children are lucky to see their father ten times a year where he picks them up for a few hours at a time then drops them off with the neighbor if I'm not home. Sep 19, 2011 5:50 PM
- 31 sometime you have a mother that sits at home and dont work just to receive child support checks and government checks. she shoul be held liable for partial support of this child as well Sep 19, 2011 2:14 PM
- 32 I have custody/control of my child 360 days a year. I do not believe it would be fair for my non-custodial parent to receive credit with the child that he only asks for 5 days a year. Sep 19, 2011 11:46 AM
- 33 I know for a fact my x husband would not comply with this. We tried a 50 / 50 on taking care of our daughter and he made me pay it all. He had an excuse everytime I needed his half for anything. Thats why I went to child support. Sep 19, 2011 10:00 AM
- 34 The parenting time schedules say equal time, or nearly equal. However, more times than not, fathers are not exercising their parenting time, but benefiting from it when they pay less in child support. Sep 19, 2011 9:06 AM
- 35 I agree with the first recommendation. Sep 19, 2011 7:31 AM
- 36 We definitely don't share equal time because residential custody is with me. Sep 18, 2011 7:26 PM
- 37 In my case, i haven't been compensated for quite some time for the non custodial parent not getting the child as he should in our agreement. I have the child 95% of the time, and he could care less, however everytime he requests a decrease in his support, he gets it...there has to be some way to get around this and help us mothers/fathers who care for the children all the time. Sep 17, 2011 8:11 PM
- 38 I am not sure this even applies to me but I think that I have been taken advantage of in this particular situation. From the start of my divorce I have had more than 50% of time with my kids and I am currently on 50/50 that I know of. The other parent gets the kids on every other weekend from 2:00 p.m. to sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. so my question is why am I at 50% when clearly I have them more than that. And most of the time it ends up being one time a month at that. How do I get this changed to even where it is not his choice on whether or not I get to claim all three kids when I have them all the time..? Sep 17, 2011 10:54 AM
- 39 Need to remember those parents who have orders for time but never spend the time with the child/children so the main caregiver still has the child 100% of the time. Sep 17, 2011 6:49 AM

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| 40 | I feel that the whole system let dead beat fathers get by with not paying. | Sep 16, 2011 6:57 PM |
| 41 | It is not possible to simplify time and money. | Sep 16, 2011 6:41 PM |
| 42 | non-custodial parent has not had out of state visitation due to non compliance with judges order to complete parenting class. | Sep 16, 2011 5:57 PM |
| 43 | If you have a deadbeat who hadn't paid child support in years, owes thousands in arrears, and stole tax money from you for 4 years claiming a child who he didn't see half the ordered time (every other weekend) this is just the kind of thing to make men feel it is o.k to be scum and make babies everywhere that they do not care for. why make it easy for a deadbeat?? | Sep 16, 2011 8:44 AM |
| 44 | complicated | Sep 15, 2011 12:43 PM |
| 45 | Im not sure if this will affect me due to the fact that he lies to the courts and claims he has travel expenses in order to visit our children. He moved to [REDACTED] a few years ago and very rarely visits our children. Maybe 2 weeks out of the year but yet he reaps the benefits of having lowered child support for traveling expenses that he has never accrued! Most of the time I meet him in Topeka, which is more than half way there, and I live in [REDACTED]. | Sep 12, 2011 10:21 AM |
| 46 | The 80-20 plan does not work especially when there are people who will work together. But it also does not work when a parent refuses 0% participation in a childs life yet gets a 20% credit as if they spend time with them. | Sep 10, 2011 6:58 AM |
| 47 | I disagree because if you can not get the parties to cooperate how are you going to get them to sit down and exchange receipts on a regular basis? And if the non custodial parent refuses to pay their child support on a regular basis how is this suppose to work? | Sep 10, 2011 6:39 AM |
| 48 | I disagree to the point that yes my ex and I share time on a nearly equal basis but he does travel alot for work which makes me have the kids more and I don't work right now cause I have two babies and four older kids that I would have to pay childcare for which saves my ex and I and the state money by not paying someone else to raise our kids so I can work. Also we are suppose to meet once a year and go through receipts and see where we are and I have tried for years and I have cert. mail him copys of everything and never hear or get anything back in return. I still buy whatever my kids needs and make copys and hope one day he will pay me back. Also the last time we went to court I had proof he never gave me copys of medical bills on our kids and he had to pay a full balance on the bill and if he would have just gave me a copy my insurance on the kids would have covered it but I did not receive the bill all I was given after the fact was account number and had to go from there I did get him some of his money back on some of these bill and it could have been all if I was giving them in a timely manner to call insurance before they would not resubmitt the claims. | Sep 8, 2011 7:41 PM |

Removing the Equal Parenting Adjustment (80/20 Rule)

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| 1 | n/a | Oct 14, 2011 6:06 AM |
| 2 | in the rare instance that two parents can agree this would affect the payor to payout more than they should. | Oct 12, 2011 1:22 PM |
| 3 | i dont know im confused help please | Oct 6, 2011 10:03 PM |
| 4 | It doesn't apply, but seems very confusing. If it can be fixed and less complicated, then that would be a good thing. | Oct 4, 2011 12:29 PM |
| 5 | i honestly believe that parents should want a relationship with their children,not ordered. if this was takin away then ,one parent may get more time,then the other,and i dont find that to be fair ,in the case that a father has a relationship with thier children. | Oct 4, 2011 4:54 AM |
| 6 | At this time my children do not spend more than 2 days with their absent parent at one time. | Oct 2, 2011 8:23 PM |
| 7 | no case is the same - circumstances are very individualistic as are the parents families and children involved | Sep 29, 2011 3:44 PM |
| 8 | Not exactly sure what you mean by "resulted in unexpected consequences". | Sep 29, 2011 7:29 AM |
| 9 | People not really interested in the child best interest, will find a way to "work" the system. There are always "unexpected consequences" to changes in a process. My ex does not share any expenses and barely spends time with our child, so this is not something that would impact us directly. I have not requested any adjustments or reviews of my child support because I know he would (and has) tried to "work" the system before. I could see him claiming he is eligible for shared expense but it would be a lie. | Sep 29, 2011 5:50 AM |
| 10 | I am not sure if this is a way for the state to save time or money or if it is intended to help the parents. | Sep 24, 2011 8:36 PM |
| 11 | My concern for the proposal removing the formula, will only open the door for NCP to go through court services, mediation, case management and motion to modify order to simply "get more time". Not necessarily to see their children more, but the meet the classification of "nearly shared". Which in fact would lower their child support obligation. With this proposal, it states "The parent receiving support receiving parent shall be responsible for all direct expenses." This absolutely needs to be defined more clearly. Every parent will enroll their children in any and every activity, insist on name brand clothes when walmart was acceptable before, etc. The percentages do not seem to be adequate. In my case, receiving \$300 per month, would have me responsible for all direct expenses but I would get an addition \$45 per month for the direct expenses of 3 children? This wording is entirely too vague. \$45 a month barely pays for 2 meals for 3 children. School enrollment for 3 high school students is outrageous in most cases. This would be one item that should be defined in this wording of direct expenses. Most shared/equal parenting time is not in fact equal. I do agree that there should be different formulas... for example more than the 20%. If the parenting time is 50/50, the percent should be 50%. If as in most cases, the parenting time is 70/30.... well the family law guidelines are 70/30 or very close. The adjustment should be 30%. I would think that with all the different | Sep 21, 2011 6:26 PM |

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types of parenting plans that there are, we could come up with an adjustment percentage that matches the parenting time. Not just the 80/20 or 50/50 or this proposal of removing the adjustment and provided a percentage to the payee....which wont even meet the needs.

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| 12 | I have my child at all times 24/7. Since she was 1 her father has only seen her maybe a dozen times. She has now started telling people she don't have a dad. But why is there no adjustments for a parent that has there child 100% of the time? | Sep 20, 2011 7:58 PM |
| 13 | Please see prior response | Sep 20, 2011 9:31 AM |
| 14 | If I understand correctly that if he is court ordered to see his children on regular visiting days that he will comply so that he will not get into trouble with the court system. | Sep 20, 2011 4:57 AM |
| 15 | I feel like some parents are more responsible for the children when the absent parent is not willing to assist with parenting. I have my kids 100% of the time 24/7. | Sep 19, 2011 5:52 PM |
| 16 | Again, if a non-custodial parent only see a child 1% of the year, they should not be allowed the same considerations as a parent that spends 50% of the year with that child. | Sep 19, 2011 11:48 AM |
| 17 | Again I have never known about this 80/20 so I have no clue as to what it is although it seems I have been the one with 80 and him 20 all these past six years. | Sep 17, 2011 10:55 AM |
| 18 | I agree as long as you take into account those parents that do not participate in their childrens lives. In those cases it should be a 100% to the Custodial parent. | Sep 10, 2011 6:59 AM |

Special Needs or Extraordinary Expenses


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| 1 | if it would cover things like expenses from medical emergencies and that it would be better. | Oct 20, 2011 8:45 AM |
| 2 | Children of divorced parents are often left at a disadvantage when it comes to expenses that are not necessarily related to basic needs such as food, clothing, housing and basic education. While most parents take for granted, the opportunities of sports, music, extracurricular activities, private education, children of divorce, many of whom were accustomed to such a lifestyle before the divorce, are suddenly deprived because a non-custodial parent takes the attitude of "I pay child support, therefore the other parent needs to pay for that extra expense". Or perhaps the non-custodial parent pays for such expenses consistently out of sense of integrity and in the best interest of their child while the custodial parent does not share in proportion to their ability for such expense but allows no accomodation in the child support obligation. I commend the committee for recognizing that there are more expenses to consider on both sides of the support equation besides basic needs that are in the best interest of these children in order to raise them to well functioning members of society. | Oct 19, 2011 7:36 PM |
| 3 | I NEED HELP WITH MY SON'S BI-POLAR AND NEED TO PROVIDE CARE WHEN/HE IS VIOLENT OR SUICIDAL BUT I GET NO CREDIT FOR THAT. | Oct 19, 2011 5:35 PM |
| 4 | It is very helpful to now be able to include the sport costs associated with my children in determining the child support obligation. It has been unfair that the residential parent should take the burden of all of those expenses. Especially when, such as my case, the sporting event has helped my child cop with many different things and has a positive spot in the child's life. | Oct 19, 2011 7:00 AM |
| 5 | I believe these sorts of expenses should only be considered if the child was involved in these types of activities before the child support order is put in place. | Oct 18, 2011 6:48 PM |
| 6 | This would help get my ex-wife to help pay for our girls' violin and piano lessons and/or their instruments. | Oct 14, 2011 7:20 PM |
| 7 | I thinks this is a badly needed addition to the child support worksheet. As a parent. I know that i have to pay for all the extra and they really add up. Shared expenses for this are needed. | Oct 14, 2011 1:06 PM |
| 8 | Our daughter has many medical expenses and I have to go to court with receipts every year to get partical reimbursement for them. He is not required to pay half even though he is not currently paying for insurance; his father is. The sports and other items we work out among ourselves but it would be nice to have something in writing. | Oct 14, 2011 8:53 AM |
| 9 | The expenses are good, however once again in my case I have not received child support and have taken on ALL the financial responsibility of raising my children. TWO jobs, my children have done without a lot a mother at home in the evenings. thanks court system | Oct 14, 2011 6:08 AM |
| 10 | Something needs to be figured for the parents who do not pay any extra for sports or school expenses | Oct 13, 2011 8:59 AM |
| 11 | support should be adjusted as expenses arise. | Oct 12, 2011 1:24 PM |

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| 12 | My child has had to miss out on many sports activities that she very much wanted to do, only because her biofather didn't have to help pay for anything and my husband and I can't afford the cost on top of daily living. | Oct 11, 2011 5:33 AM |
| 13 | Although I think this is a good addition, I have had a hard time getting the orthodontic bill paid still from 2007 | Oct 6, 2011 11:03 AM |
| 14 | Including the extra expenses would be a good idea - as the current support does not allow for these types of things. As a child gets older these cost can add up and be in excess of current child support received | Oct 5, 2011 4:31 PM |
| 15 | Because of this new input I can now request to have my order looked at so my daughter can continue having music lessons. Since the school she attends does not have and Orchestra for her to play in. Because of this I do not make enough money for her to continue to play her violin or to get piano lessons. | Oct 5, 2011 2:34 PM |
| 16 | Childrens Expenses Climb Higher & Higher Yearly No Mater The Sex/Age Of The Child, The Changes Are Also Directly Reflected In The Childs Interest, Which Varies Greatly. | Oct 5, 2011 10:53 AM |
| 17 | I suppose if there are extra needs for the child, then I think both parents should have to help with the expense, where it be school, clothes, etc. | Oct 4, 2011 12:30 PM |
| 18 | I feel it is wrong to allow one parent to make the other pay for these items if the other parent does not agree. For example, if one parent decides to place child in a parochial school against other parents wishes. If custodial parent thinks the child(ren) should have premier sports but other parent disagrees, they should not have to pay for this. These items should be agreed by the parties, not ordered by the court. | Oct 4, 2011 7:34 AM |
| 19 | I believe that it is both parents responsibility to help our children become what they would like to become, if they would like to be in sports, private schools, ect ,then both parents should have the responsibility to share the expense and time with the children. | Oct 4, 2011 4:56 AM |
| 20 | One child does have performance related expenses in the arts but at this time I would think that we tend to share the expense of this. I pay for it when it lands during my time and they pay for it if it lands on their weekend--example a school dance, choir fees, art fees. I pay the fees they tend to pay for the dances because the dances land on their weekends. Could use the special needs for orthodontist care but absent parent does not want her to have braces. The other child does have special needs. However I was unaware of this should I be getting more money because of it. The absent parent pays for the insurance but I have to pay the copayments and the parking ect. | Oct 2, 2011 8:30 PM |
| 21 | My ex will sign the kids up for extra activities and expect me to pay half which is not included in my budget nor did I agree upon the activity. Not only does he place them in activities, but then expects me to get the accessories needed for them - shoes, transportations, equipment, ect out of my child support meant for food clothing housing etc. | Sep 29, 2011 3:46 PM |
| 22 | This should have been added years ago! | Sep 29, 2011 7:30 AM |

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| 23 | This would be hard to determine if "necessary" when one party would disagree with the other. It would have to be clear that the extra expense is in the best interest of the child. | Sep 29, 2011 5:51 AM |
| 24 | Premier sports is a very large additional cost for a residential parent. The current guidelines do not seem to account for these high costs. | Sep 28, 2011 9:41 AM |
| 25 | I feel that private schooling and such are a choice and not something that should be computed into the order. There are so many nonresidential parents that struggle as it is because the majority of their pay goes towards child support. You can't tell me that there aren't any other viable options. Maybe the residential parents should rethink some options before you implement these. I am residential parent for my two girls and I would never expect my ex to pay these outrageous costs because I wanted my girls involved in these activities. I would love to put my daughter in competitive cheer but I have to be realistic also. | Sep 27, 2011 12:31 PM |
| 26 | My son will need braces soon. He also wants to play sports (he's ) and also just started playing the chello. These are expenses I would hope are just as much his father's responsibility as mine, although I am the one always having to cover the cost by begging and borrowing from family and friends to cover the cost. Braces are gonna be really soon and I dread it! We are very low income and it's an expense I am really not sure how its gonna be paid for. I wish my son could be in sports as well but with his father not paying consistantly I can't afford it. | Sep 26, 2011 8:58 AM |
| 27 | I think extraordinary expenses would just be a way for someone to get more child support money | Sep 25, 2011 8:05 PM |
| 28 | I choose to send my daughter to private school at my own expense as well as an array of lessons. I feel my daughter would benefit if I could be partially compensated for her lessons. I think there should be a limit to the number of lessons or amount of tuition, but I think this change would benefit my daughter. I do not know if college is considered a "extraordinary expense." | Sep 24, 2011 8:40 PM |
| 29 | The extraordinary expense did not include the additional expense a service member have to undertake when they are serving overseas, and they have to pay someone to take care of thier child or children fulltime. The expense of having someone care for your child on a fulltime basis can add up and this was not inputed into your worksheet. You need to take into consideration the service members, since you have more and more single parents serving in the Armed Forces. | Sep 23, 2011 8:41 AM |
| 30 | I think it will allow kids to excel and not be held back due to lack of support by the parent. | Sep 22, 2011 9:59 AM |
| 31 | So often, my ex husband had said that in our divorce decree, I was responsible for everything...school, school supplies, sports. We had shared and never a shared expense order. I do not feel that your definition of extraordinary should be so limited as you have it now. What is premier sports? I do like the wording of performance-related expenses to the arts...but, sometimes you have to dumb it up for people. Not everyone would understand that this means dance classes as well. After my divorce, my NCP, tried to tell me that he was taking the kids fishing and that I needed to buy them fishing poles and licenses....what is next | Sep 21, 2011 6:34 PM |

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roller skates, ice skates, etc? This kind of relates to the wording of direct expenses as well. Mind you this is all my opinion. I have a divorce in 1997 and 2006. I have been through just about everything with both cases.

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| 32 | Private schools are very expensive and need to be included. | Sep 21, 2011 3:35 PM |
| 33 | Being a step parent of a child that we receive child support on and no other expenses are helped with it would greatly help parents who foot all the payments except for what small amount of child support is given. | Sep 21, 2011 12:53 PM |
| 34 | I think that it should be stated that the obligation of the parents should not exceed the circumstances of the household. IE do not expect a father making minimum wage to pay to send their child to every sport the child can attend. | Sep 20, 2011 8:51 PM |
| 35 | If I am reading this right, to me it means helping with the cost of the "extra" expenses. In my circumstance, my child's father has nothing to do with him. It takes a LOT of extra out of my paycheck to make sure my child gets to participate in school activities such as football--that expense alone costs around an extra approximatley \$400 a year. (shoes for each sport for example: Football, Wrestling, Track & Baseball alone) not including the activity fees and extra's to go, usually including meals. I believe that the extra expenses would also include someone in the Art Programs etc....It is a viable part of a healthy child to help build Self-Esteem, Character, and Physical Fitness to fight the populations obese problem. | Sep 20, 2011 9:38 AM |
| 36 | The cost of special needs children attending camps created for them is an expense that needs to be shared between parents. | Sep 20, 2011 9:14 AM |
| 37 | My daughter does premier sports & her father refuses to help pay for them. He told her "that is why they take money out of my checks." I have to pay all of the fees for these sports myself. I feel that these sports could help her get scholarships in the future. She is a strong player and one of the best on her team. | Sep 20, 2011 7:52 AM |
| 38 | I have no problem with this section, I think parents should share all their children's expenses that is what the child support is for. | Sep 20, 2011 4:59 AM |
| 39 | i feel like whatever parent wants them to go to a private school should pay for it themselves. if they are recieving child support payments use the check. | Sep 19, 2011 2:17 PM |
| 40 | My child is a highly-gifted child that is involved in lots of arts. She would greatly appreciate an more equal division of the responsibility. | Sep 19, 2011 11:49 AM |
| 41 | Sports and the arts are vital to youth. I believe if a child wants to participate in these activities, it should be included in the child support order. | Sep 19, 2011 1:56 AM |
| 42 | I feel that the absent parent should be responsible to help improve the children's lifestyle including sports, schooling, ect. There are too many absent parents who feel it is simply their responsibility to pay ONLY child support (when they actually pay). Children's expenses are more than just housing, food, clothing. | Sep 18, 2011 2:03 PM |
| 43 | Parents can be vindictive and allowing support to include extraordinary expenses can allow a parent to "write checks" on a supportive parent. My ex-spouse used | Sep 18, 2011 9:48 AM |

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unnecessary orthodontia expenses in this way. He authorized braces on my two seven- and eight-year-old sons. Even though I was providing dental insurance the non-covered orthodontia was very expensive and I had to pay the uncovered expense.

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| 44 | I feel that this is a wonderful addition because some residential parents pay ALOT of money for their child's extracurricular sports and activities, which essentially have to be paid solely by the residential parent because of it not previously being considered on the child support worksheet. This will be very beneficial to residential parents and children! | Sep 17, 2011 9:18 PM |
| 45 | It would be nice to hold the other parent responsible for some of the regular school expenses. Some you can't get to help you out unless a judge tells them they have to. | Sep 17, 2011 8:13 PM |
| 46 | I have not known of this particular item either.. For the past six years I have been paying all these extra expenses when it came to sports or music with my children I have not asked but one time for him to help pay these extra expenses and he paid \$100 when I just this past year have paid over \$1000 towards these activities ... Where is this located and how do I claim it..? | Sep 17, 2011 10:57 AM |
| 47 | My children are in Premier Sports/Competitive and it is very expensive. I am lucky that their dad helps cover the cost by buying them the equipment they may need. | Sep 16, 2011 11:13 AM |
| 48 | i have a special needs child and right before school began, 3 weeks before school the deadbeat parent has not paid one dime. nothing, everything cost money, lunch, transportation, therapy, uniforms, how convenient to stop paying when it is needed most. | Sep 16, 2011 8:47 AM |
| 49 | I need help getting my daughter braces and yet my ex husband is supposed to provide 76% of all costs but yet he won't help pay at all and I have no way to enforce him to pay it. We need a system to help single parents like myself. | Sep 15, 2011 9:16 PM |
| 50 | ambiguous terms | Sep 15, 2011 12:44 PM |
| 51 | I wasnt aware that "Extraordinary Expenses" was even considered in child support. My ex husband doesnt help me with anything extracurricular! All he does is pay his very low child support for our 2 children. No help with medical bills or any activities our children are involved in. Honestly I have had to forego some activities for them because he refuses to help! | Sep 12, 2011 10:26 AM |
| 52 | Extra Curricular activities should be added so not to deny the child opportunities. It is a good social skill and teaches team work which also improves their grades. You should be able to provide the receipts and be reimbursed. | Sep 10, 2011 7:02 AM |

Change of Circumstances - Duty to Notify

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| 1 | my ex was laid off, my daughter needed her teeth worked on due to an accident at school and i was stuck with a 1300 dollar bill as a result because he didn't let me know he didn't have insurance on the kids. | Oct 20, 2011 8:46 AM |
| 2 | There are many custodial parents who do not file for a change in circumstances even though they suspect the other parent has had a substantial increase in income because the non-custodial intimidates or threatens to "take the kids" if their support increases. This provision provides at least another avenue to fairness by putting some of the legal obligation of adjusting the child support on the other parent. | Oct 19, 2011 7:41 PM |
| 3 | MY EX HIDES MONEY UNDER HIS WIFES NAME AND IS SELF EMPLOYED AVOIDING TAXES SO HE DOESN'T HAVE TO PAY ME WHILE HE LIVES IN LUXURY! | Oct 19, 2011 5:35 PM |
| 4 | It is frustrating that a parent could lie to the judge about circumstances to either increase or decrease their child support obligation. This new addition should really be used correctly to enforce honesty. | Oct 19, 2011 7:01 AM |
| 5 | I strongly agree both parties need to notify the State of any changes in address (s) | Oct 17, 2011 10:51 AM |
| 6 | The ex works two jobs along with other income earning things. Topeka has no idea about this, but the judge know he does but her hands were tied. This will allow her the authority to do what is right for the child. | Oct 14, 2011 1:07 PM |
| 7 | The father will never disclose when he has a financial increase, etc. He will not even admit he is working. | Oct 14, 2011 8:54 AM |
| 8 | When we had separated but our divorce was not final, my ex refused to sign the paperwork to sell our house at the closing until I agreed to a lesser amount of child support. He claimed he would go to jail and / or quit his job before paying what the guidelines said he should pay. | Oct 14, 2011 7:51 AM |
| 9 | if one parents income goes up it ,support should be adjusted fairly. | Oct 12, 2011 1:25 PM |
| 10 | Will just to have judges that follow through and not just threaten. | Oct 12, 2011 9:33 AM |
| 11 | Maybe this with give the judges the authority they need to go after DEAD BEAT PARENTS | Oct 8, 2011 8:57 AM |
| 12 | I think that if a person has purchased some property or something of that nature, after the fact and is getting substantial income from it, that it should be disclosed. I do not feel that if a custodial parent gets a second job to make ends meet that this needs to be disclosed, obviously there is a hardship. | Oct 6, 2011 11:05 AM |
| 13 | There does need to be more oversight and the need for parents to notify the court of changes | Oct 5, 2011 4:32 PM |
| 14 | I think it is good to hold all parties responsible, but it needs to be clearly defined what actions or sanctions will be taken for all events within the body of a child support order. | Oct 5, 2011 2:35 PM |
| 15 | Well, if they are paying and the amount of income goes up a lot then I suppose | Oct 4, 2011 12:31 PM |

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- that a change in child support payments are good. I thought that SRS sent a form to fill out every so often to find that out.
- 16 The burden still falls on the party seeking change, and this can be a long and drawn out process. It would be my hope that the judges hearing the cases would understand the burden this places on the parties-the time spent proving the change,the backlash received for instituting a change. Oct 4, 2011 7:36 AM
- 17 I agree with this because a judge ordered arrears on my child support ,from the time he was born (when he was on ssi-social security) not social and rehabilitation services,and guess what social and rehabilitation services is taking my extra 50.00 dollars a month,thats sad ,and they(social and rehabilitation services) nor (child support) did NOT go by court orders..... Oct 4, 2011 4:58 AM
- 18 All parties are currently married Oct 2, 2011 8:33 PM
- 19 Again, incomes change over time - many who are in the child support system are aware that income changes would directly impact a child's welfare. However, the Judge should take into account the nature of failing to disclose as it could be a simple reason of both incomes changing and both parties are fine with the current support agreement and do not see the need to have it changed. I feel to avoid this from happening that once a year reviews should be considered on each case, although this would definitely over work the system. However, appointing one person to review each case just to confirm any changes would prevent any issues in this category. Sep 29, 2011 7:35 AM
- 20 In the past, I have been required to subpoena pay records from the payer's employer to obtain current wage information. Because a subpoena requires an active motion, the costs to assess child support become quite costly when it could easily be avoided by a threat of sanctions. Sep 28, 2011 9:49 AM
- 21 I lost my job about 3 yrs ago and chose not to take my ex back to court to up my child support. He then lost his job about a yr ago and instead of taking my back to court to reduce his amount we just worked together to get thru both situations. I think if you get too involved like that it changes the dynamic in the relationship of the parents. If I want to take him back to court for an increase I will. We have had the same child support order for 6 yrs now. Both my daughter have gone up in the worksheet but I choose to live the way we do because we get along for our children. Sep 27, 2011 12:37 PM
- 22 I do not know if this applies to an inheritance, it should. Sep 24, 2011 8:41 PM
- 23 Again are you asking service members to report when they are leaving for service overseas to report to a judge prior and if they are unable to do so then they can be sanctioned? I need more clarification on this when it comes to service members. Sep 23, 2011 8:44 AM
- 24 On the fence with this one. Sometimes things are overlooked. But if it was intentional, then it needs to be addressed. Sep 22, 2011 10:00 AM
- 25 Duty to notify? Well, I would suggest that you make filing of a motion for change of circumstance less legal binding. For example, accept a pro se filing that may not be in the exact format that the court desires and no court costs. This Sep 21, 2011 6:48 PM

imposes a huge burden for CPs and NCPs to file a motion at every 10% change. This would also place a burden on the courts as well. Every time someone gets a raise, makes less, ages of the child(ren) change, etc can be very costly to parents to obtain a attorney for a minimal change in support. For example, if NCP made 20,000 when child support was set and a year later received a promotion and made 22,000. The NCP or CP would be obligated to file a motion to modify/change of circumstance, then a year later the child turns 12. The NCP or CP would be required to file another motion? More attorney fees, more court costs for all of \$12 a month....if that? I understand why the need to protect NCP and CPs. However, at some point parents need to take matters into their own hands and file a motion when they feel that the child is going without due to a lack of additional child support.

- 26 The mother of my child constantly lies about income in order to pay less support. There is nothing I can do to prove it since she lives in another state. She does not get punished for it, but we do since she only pays the minimum amount according to the formula. There needs to be a punishment for parents who lie and dont pay period. In my case neither is happening. Sep 21, 2011 5:03 PM
- 27 My child's father quits his job on a regular basis. While he is on unemployment child support is on a regular basis. Once he finds a new job it is a month to two months before she receives support again. Its not like I can stop taking care of her for a month or two without getting turned in for child neglect but it is ok for him to stop paying his support. He makes sure we don't know where he lives or his phone number so we can not get any information from him including current employment. Sep 20, 2011 8:02 PM
- 28 If one of the parties can't prove their status, then I totally agree with this. This also keeps parents from trying to hide their income, and the circumstances that they are under. Sep 20, 2011 10:26 AM
- 29 I believe that if a person is on State Assistance, they have up to 10 days to report changes of any kind - Address, Income, Number in household etc....I feel this is going in the same direction and should be a HIGH RECOMMENDATION. 1) It will help finding the absent parent 2) it will determine if they have a job 3) it will cut down on SRS case work loads that many spend LOOKING for the individual, taking them to court etc. 4) It will make the individual report with an income and job to determine a change in child support if necessary. Sep 20, 2011 9:43 AM
- 30 My repeated calls to the enforcement agency in KS were met with the response that they needed to wait to hear from the employer to determine why child support was not being received. Had contact been made with the employer CSE would have been told that he was no longer employed just days after he was terminated. Instead I contacted the enforcement agency and provided them the name and address of his new employer based on information that I received in the mail from his attorney. Child support ceased after one payment and again, no attempts have been made to determine my ex-husband's employment status or locate his current employer. Involvement by the court will improve the ability of the child support enforcement agency to be aware of changes to the employment status of parents. Sep 20, 2011 9:31 AM
- 31 Yes, I think that is a good idea because is mother's or father's circumstances change like a job loss or a better paying job that they should let the other parent Sep 20, 2011 5:01 AM

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	know so that they can take that into consideration because that may impact the care of the children.	
32	For two years we haven't received any phone numbers or addresses for the absent parents job location or living location. Telephone numbers are disconnected and reconnected randomly.	Sep 19, 2011 5:55 PM
33	I know a mother who never reported she was working/income and continued to get government assistance and never let the CSE that she was working. I think a lot of women abuse this.	Sep 19, 2011 2:20 PM
34	My ex-husband has been very evasive when it comes to sharing his personal information with the court. This has made it highly difficult to reach him during times that he is in arrears. A better system would make it easier on all parties involved.	Sep 19, 2011 11:50 AM
35	My son's father has never willingly notified the courts of his income changes. It has more than doubled at times. However, it's not until child support enforcement sends a letter to his employer that they know how much he makes. Even then, it's not adjusted for the increase. He's not penalized for not reporting. Child support enforcement is aware of the change, the courts are aware of the change, but nothing happens. I think penalizing the non-custodial parent for not reporting changes is a great idea. Custodial parents as well. Many do not report their increases because they are aware that their obligation will increase and the non-custodial parent's obligation will decrease.	Sep 19, 2011 9:12 AM
36	There are too many parents who choose to not share information and intentionally hide information. This hurts the children and it affects their needs. There are parents who receive child support who do not work in order to "live" off the child support and parents who do work and "lie" about their income.	Sep 18, 2011 2:04 PM
37	My ex is self-employed and uses every "legal" expense to lower his earnings.	Sep 16, 2011 6:43 PM
38	non-custodial parent has failed on numerous occasions to inform the court of material changes and with no legal or monetary penalty currently it is a hollow order in the paperwork that can't be backed up.	Sep 16, 2011 6:00 PM
39	including, quitting your job, working and getting paid under the table, and lying on your taxes.	Sep 16, 2011 8:49 AM
40	My ex husband never tells the child support enforcement when he is working or on disability or laid off fired etc, they should have to report this.	Sep 15, 2011 9:17 PM
41	My ex has always tried to hide where he lives from me.	Sep 15, 2011 7:11 PM
42	good idea in theory	Sep 15, 2011 12:45 PM
43	A party who has worked part time jobs their whole life and it is nothing new except which part time job it is this week should be counted in their income.	Sep 10, 2011 7:03 AM
44	I agree to this but the only problem is if the non custodial parent refuses to abide by the divorce and refuses to be served how is the judge going to impose sanctions on them? I think that if you are going to make changes to this child	Sep 10, 2011 6:46 AM

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support guidelines then maybe there needs to be more action taken against the non custodial parent who refuses to pay their child support. I also think sanctions should be brought against companies who refuses to cooperate with CSE when they are sent letters inquiring about a persons job with them especially if they work for them through a contracting company. To may people are getting away with not paying child support because of these companies refusal to cooperate in giving out this information.

Change of Circumstance - Termination of Employment

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| 1 | It is good to have this additional information so that when the payor parent screws up at work and gets fired that they cannot then ask that child support is stopped or reduced due to their own misjudgment and/or behavior. | Oct 19, 2011 7:02 AM |
| 2 | This would directly affect how often my ex-wife takes me to court to reduce her child support obligation or at least give the judge reason to impose attorney fees, etc. | Oct 14, 2011 7:25 PM |
| 3 | The ex has been in jail several times, and when he is in he doesn't think that he needs to pay child support because he is not working. This will have a lot of positive affect on a lot of men who use jail as an excuse not to pay. | Oct 14, 2011 1:09 PM |
| 4 | It is not fair to my daughter to have a decrease when her father chooses to commit crimes. I strongly agree with this. | Oct 14, 2011 8:54 AM |
| 5 | It still costs the same to feed / house the child and the party receiving the support may lose their home if they cannot afford it on their own. | Oct 14, 2011 7:53 AM |
| 6 | He does not report anything | Oct 14, 2011 6:09 AM |
| 7 | My ex-husband has been unemployed and underemployed many many times in the last eight years, he changes jobs frequently to "get a full paycheck" for awhile. | Oct 12, 2011 9:35 AM |
| 8 | Maybe this will get him to get a real job instead of always trying to find ways around paying his child support | Oct 8, 2011 8:58 AM |
| 9 | I think so | Oct 6, 2011 10:05 PM |
| 10 | Our Children Should Not Continue To Suffer Nor Begin To Go Without Because You (Payor) Were Acting Irresponsible. | Oct 5, 2011 11:06 AM |
| 11 | I didn't know they could make money in jail or prison except for work release in jail. So if they can, then getting child support would be a good thing. | Oct 4, 2011 12:32 PM |
| 12 | My understanding is that if the absent parent is incarcerated and or loses his job due to misconduct then he can not get a modification in support for less money. They should have to go and get another job and if jail they should still be held accountable. It takes two to make the child and both should have to support the child. | Oct 2, 2011 8:37 PM |
| 13 | parents should be accountable | Sep 29, 2011 3:48 PM |
| 14 | This should put an end to the excuse of not paying support because they got fired. | Sep 22, 2011 10:03 AM |
| 15 | As stated in my previous comments. Child support is meant to in fact support the child. NCP going to jail or being fired from a job for misconduct should not constitute a material change and lower the child support. However, I am weary of the definition of misconduct and quite possible this could open a door as well. Who defines misconduct? Kansas Employment Security Law? "For the purposes of this subsection (b), "misconduct" is defined as a violation of a duty or obligation reasonably owed the employer as a condition of employment." - This is a very vague definition. Yes, it goes into more detail. However, who | Sep 21, 2011 7:01 PM |

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determines the classification of misconduct? Kansas Department of Labor? I worked for them and I can tell you that when a determination is made of whether the circumstances surrounding the separation are misconduct, is based off of the examiners interpretation of the Kansas Employment Security Laws. Most are cut and dry....for example drinking on the job, sleeping on the job, negative alcohol/drug test. However, you get into very gray areas with reasons for separation in regards to attendance, insubordination, policy violations. Did they know their job was in jeopardy? You cannot determine someone was in fact terminated for misconduct based off of a examiners decision for unemployment when they went through a handful of weeks of training without a degree, without any prior legal experience. ALSO, many times claimants (workers) are denied unemployment simply due to default. They were not available for their scheduled call to present their side of the events that led to discharge.

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| 16 | I agree with this because if one party is in prison, or continually gets fired from employment, then it is their responsibility to continue with the agreed on amount. | Sep 20, 2011 10:28 AM |
| 17 | unsure about this recommendation | Sep 20, 2011 9:44 AM |
| 18 | I think that if they do come into a situation that they could not foresee that they should get a certain amount of time to catch up, but if they are not trying to make a good faith effort then they should not get any help as far as when it comes to making their payments. | Sep 20, 2011 5:04 AM |
| 19 | this should be considered on a case by case bases. some things cant be avoided | Sep 19, 2011 2:22 PM |
| 20 | If someone paying child support gets terminated from a job for misconduct or incarceration he or she this should not change anything on child support. | Sep 19, 2011 10:34 AM |
| 21 | I do not feel any kind of employment termination should constitute a change in obligation. People leave jobs all the time, but quickly obtain new employment. Sometimes, I feel that non-custodial parents intentionally get terminated to collect unemployment, which in turn would lower the child support obligation. | Sep 19, 2011 9:14 AM |
| 22 | My son's father routinely gets fired from his jobs (at least every six months). | Sep 19, 2011 1:58 AM |
| 23 | Again twice now this has happened to me.. the other parent has been fired twice and yet it has changed....from two different air craft companies;.. | Sep 17, 2011 10:59 AM |
| 24 | I also feel that if a payee quits a job and starts to file for disability due to fact that he /she doesn't want to pay child support that they should be held liable just as if someone taht is not paying by spending time in jail and not be excluded due to the fact they quit to try for disability so they don't have to pay support . as in my case is 10 years going to date with no insight to it getting paid anytime soon | Sep 16, 2011 7:01 PM |
| 25 | I feel that the wording should be changed to also include parents who quit their jobs on purpose to avoid paying child support or to get the amount lowered. My children's father lives with his mother. He pays no living expenses and quits jobs often to avoid child support. Exceptions to orders for increase payment should also take into consideration where the absent parent is living. If the absent parent is not paying bills at his or her residence then why should that person's rent, utilities, etc. be considered as bills being paid? | Sep 16, 2011 9:38 AM |

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| 26 | my ex husband quit his job the day before court to set his child support and the judge did make the child support based off of his job he quit but four years later and ive yet to receive a full child support payment. | Sep 15, 2011 9:18 PM |
| 27 | again, good in theory but little realistic help to the child | Sep 15, 2011 12:45 PM |
| 28 | Yes please include this even if it doesnt help me now. Maybe it can help someone else! My ex husband quit the only long term job he ever had (2 yrs) on the day our divorce was final. He deliberately did it to get his child support lowered from \$575 to \$[REDACTED]. I have 2 children. Why the judge couldnt see that from 1 mile away, I have not a clue but it drastically affected our lives and not for the better! | Sep 12, 2011 10:31 AM |
| 29 | Incarceration should not constitute a material change but termination from employment for misconduct could be a multitude of things from sick leave abuse based on a companys policy to other rules that are not in the child best interest. Incarceration is a choice termination may or may not be a choice depending on the circumstances. Employers also put misconduct as a reason for termination to make sure unemployment is not given so it may not be accurate. | Sep 10, 2011 7:05 AM |
| 30 | I agree to this because too many non custodial parents use this to try to get their child support lowered so they don't have to pay for their children as if they don't now anyway. | Sep 10, 2011 6:48 AM |

Updated Child Support Schedules

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| 1 | Child expenses have increased just as much as the cost of living has increased each year. It is nice that child support is now increase their limits. | Oct 19, 2011 7:03 AM |
| 2 | I think this is a good idea. There are so many more expenses with younger children these days. Whether it is the cost of clothing (which these age groups grow so fast) or the activities that the kids can do at such an early age. Especially when you are trying to socialize kids much younger now, they can be involved in sports at age 3 now. Those are expensive activities. | Oct 17, 2011 11:19 AM |
| 3 | This would increase the amount of child support I should receive. | Oct 14, 2011 7:27 PM |
| 4 | How will the courts enforce this...will each one of us have to go back to court to have this implemented? It seems like it should be automatic. | Oct 14, 2011 8:56 AM |
| 5 | By the schedule's changes, I would receive the exact amount that I have been receiving since 2002, when my child was 3 years of age. It does take a lot more than that amount to raise a child. However, I am penalized by being the only parent who follows the rules. My ex husband refuses to give any financial data, so child support is based off minimum wage, and I show as the majority financial responsible parent. There does not seem to be any willingness of the court to hold my ex responsible for avoiding child support. | Oct 13, 2011 9:31 AM |
| 6 | as cost of living increases so should child support. however dont completely agree younger children cost more than tweens or teens. Even though out of diapers increase in food expenses go up. | Oct 12, 2011 1:28 PM |
| 7 | There are many things I gave up trying to get my ex to help me pay years ago. I don't keep track of every co-pay, he doesn't pay for school lunches, sports fees, etc. This will help. | Oct 12, 2011 9:38 AM |
| 8 | all of our expenses are going up so should the child support | Oct 11, 2011 4:29 PM |
| 9 | My children's father and myself pay almost the same a month for support. I raise the kids and they are with me all the time. My kids go to private school and always have, going on 7 years now, yet im the one that pays for all the school and extra things by myself. He only pays his support never any more for anything. | Oct 10, 2011 8:54 AM |
| 10 | It is my wish that [REDACTED] child support will be raised because 125.00 a month is in no way covering the expenses that it takes to raise our child. | Oct 8, 2011 9:00 AM |
| 11 | I have two of my children at home and this maybe something that will help change and raise my child support. My ex husband fails to advise when he quits or gets fired and laid off from a job. I am always the one to go snooping and advising my child support worker of all changes not him. | Oct 5, 2011 2:37 PM |
| 12 | make them pay on the first of every month | Oct 5, 2011 12:47 PM |
| 13 | Having A Younger Child Does Require Additional Funds For Their Unknown Expenses Due To Economic Changes/Variations Which Requires Additional Funds. | Oct 5, 2011 11:18 AM |
| 14 | I feel that would be a good change for most people. | Oct 4, 2011 12:34 PM |

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| 15 | I feel the courts fail to understand when parents divorce, both now have obligations for housing, utilities etc, which were once shared. The amount of child support which must be paid generally places the paying parent in a tight financial place, whereas they can no longer spend on their children as they wish. They pay the other spouse for this, yet many times the funds are not spent for the benefit of the child. To raise this amount, in these financial times I feel is setting many up for failure. | Oct 4, 2011 7:40 AM |
| 16 | This could mean an increase in support for me. But at the same time it could be a decrease for me. An increase would be great since I don't think that they pay enough. So I will just have to wait and see. But since on one case I have not had a modification in support in over 10 years I think that any change should be compensated. Since I am the one that occurred paying the more to raise her. | Oct 2, 2011 8:42 PM |
| 17 | Kids cost just as much or more the older they become - daycare expenses are replaced by vehicles, sports activities, etc | Sep 29, 2011 3:49 PM |
| 18 | I have been receiving support for 12 years and it has never been reviewed. My ex has changed jobs and stopped paying - it was eventually brought current but the new jobs never triggered an income review. Seems like that would make sense? Reviewing the income when a new job is obtained? | Sep 29, 2011 5:54 AM |
| 19 | It's about time!!! | Sep 28, 2011 9:50 AM |
| 20 | Cost of things have gone up a lot | Sep 25, 2011 8:07 PM |
| 21 | This would decrease my support since my child is older than 11. Just because you take out daycare does not mean the cost for that child goes down, it actually increases with the additional cost that goes with a teenager that is involved in various school activities. | Sep 23, 2011 8:49 AM |
| 22 | It probably won't affect me because my youngest is 17 and his sister is 14. I have raised both children since 1995 with very little to no child support. | Sep 22, 2011 8:29 PM |
| 23 | Any additional support is greatly appreciated. The cost to raise a good healthy child is not getting cheaper. Cost of living raises are not keeping up with the cost of living and neither are the child support amounts. | Sep 22, 2011 10:05 AM |
| 24 | It is about time!!! The cost of living has increased and therefore the cost of providing a child with food, shelter, clothing, utilities and fuel to get them from point A to point B, have increased as well. I do not feel that it is nearly high enough of an increase, but something is better than nothing. I'd like to see it around 6% to 9%. It is a minimal increase that would not make a huge difference in obligations. But, coming from a single mother of 4 that works 2 jobs and pays day care, every little bit helps. | Sep 21, 2011 7:06 PM |
| 25 | The mother of my child pays next to nothing, it also doesn't help she lies about her income. Children are expensive and it's not fair for an absent parent to only pay a 250.00 a month. | Sep 21, 2011 5:05 PM |
| 26 | I agree that the times call for higher support allowances for each age group. | Sep 20, 2011 10:28 AM |
| 27 | I feel that if there is a need to change it should be all of them, but anyone with a | Sep 20, 2011 9:46 AM |

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sense of raising kids should know that it costs a LOT more to raise a teenager than it does a younger child.

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| 28 | I haven't received an increase in child support since it was ordered back when she was 1. She is getting ready to be 11 and earlier this year the amount was decreased. It does take a lot more money for younger ages because they grow out of clothes faster and with a baby you have diapers, wipes, & more clothes that get out grown. | Sep 20, 2011 7:57 AM |
| 29 | I do think that is a good idea, but children of all ages are expense. I have 5 children, ages ranging from 2-10 and the difference in costs is diapers and wipes. The older they get their shoes and clothes get more and more expense, plus you have to take into consideration after school activites, sports, and miscellaneous things that teenagers and adolescents need. | Sep 20, 2011 5:08 AM |
| 30 | I have never had the child support raised or lowered but with my daughter now in high school things are becoming more expensive and im in need of help | Sep 19, 2011 7:42 PM |
| 31 | 0-11 can be expensive due to day care,diapers,wipes, formula, growing fast out of clothes and shoes. but again there needs to be a way that you are making sure the money is going directly for the child. i know some mothers that spend the money on drugs other boyfriends its sad. a special card should be issued to all people that recieve child support and if that expense doesnt match the age group needs it should be declined. its called accountability | Sep 19, 2011 2:29 PM |
| 32 | I have very mixed feelings on this. I am supposed to receive child support from my ex-husband, however, very rarely do I actually receive child support. If I did, this change could affect my support. On the other hand, my husband pays child support to his ex-wife. It has the possibility to increase his child support. What bothers me is that my husband's ex-wife is capable of having a job and chooses to live off of the child support and government assistance. We work very hard to pay his child support and our cost of living has increased as well to take care of the family that we have living in our home. Should he have to pay extra child support to support the children if his ex-wife is not doing anything herself to support the children? | Sep 19, 2011 12:08 PM |
| 33 | My child is 15. These changes would not affect our situation. | Sep 19, 2011 11:51 AM |
| 34 | I don't believe it is enough, if the parent paying support is completely absent from the child's life. When there is an absent parent, there is more of a financial burden on the custodial parent and that isn't ever put into consideration. | Sep 19, 2011 2:01 AM |
| 35 | My daughter is 11 years old. She has outgrown everything I have purchased for her since the first of the year. (clothing, shoes, etc) | Sep 18, 2011 11:48 AM |
| 36 | support at the time of divorce was ordered at minimum wage for non custodial parent due to job hopping and under employment. | Sep 16, 2011 6:02 PM |
| 37 | My judicial district has never bothered to increase my monthly \$273 per month for the last 11 years. My ex is a [REDACTED] now. Hmmm. The 4% that is taken off the top of my son's support goes to the district to do their job. Hmmm. Now my son is twelve and out of this category obviously. | Sep 16, 2011 12:11 PM |

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38	The cost of living has increased that's for sure!	Sep 16, 2011 11:14 AM
39	Raising children is expensive and when a parent does not see a child all the excess items become the responsibility of the residential parent. If this is approved then it will allow parents in these situations to get back a little bit extra of the cost so that children can participate in sports and other extra curricular activities.	Sep 16, 2011 9:40 AM
40	I would just like for you to get me any money.....	Sep 16, 2011 7:42 AM
41	My child support has never been increased. My 12 and 14 year old daughters receive the same amount as when they were toddlers. I was unaware it was suppose to change.	Sep 15, 2011 7:13 PM
42	not even close	Sep 15, 2011 12:46 PM
43	Children no matter what age are expensive to raise. Providing the basics is expensive and giving them the best education is expensive it should be a share cost. Education starts at an early age not just when they start grade school.	Sep 10, 2011 7:07 AM
44	I agree because it costs more to raise child now with the cost of everything going up. Especially if you have multiples.	Sep 10, 2011 6:50 AM

General Comments

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| 1 | It DOES NOT WORK! Please make changes that work for the parent and stepparents that give these kids everything! Thanks | Oct 21, 2011 9:41 AM |
| 2 | i do not feel it is necessary for the custodial parent or recipient to have to go to court for a modification especially when there has been a protection from abuse order in the past.....i should not have to go to hear him say "yes" or "no" whether he wants to pay the court ordered child suport furthermore i dont believe he should have a choice as to be obligated to take care of his child or not! | Oct 20, 2011 7:45 PM |
| 3 | It would be helpful is there was someone who could actually help get these changes made without having to go to an attorney to do so. most can't afford the attorney fees. | Oct 20, 2011 8:48 AM |
| 4 | I am disappointed in the lack of changes to the section E.5. Support of Children Beyond the Age of Majority. While more and more states are recognizing in the their divorce laws that most children need parental support in order to attend college, Kansas still fails to recognize this fact. While this section provides an allowance to those parties that have a written agreement, the section is of little value to most parents because there is no obligation or motivation in Kansas law for a parent to agree to provide any support beyond high school. The lack of required support for college children in accordance with parental abilities puts many children of divorce at an economic disadvantage to other children in our state. The federal financial aid forms require young college students to provide their parents income in order to calculate federal and state grants and loans available to them. The federal student aid (FAFSA) system then calculates the ability of the parent to help with college expenses regardless of whether the parent is actually willing to pay. More often than not, because of the lack of provisions in the Kansas Divorce laws, one parent ends up shouldering the burden for the college expenses. Students of financially capable parents are typically unable to obtain student loans on their own and if divorced parents do not step forward with a Parent Plus Loan, that student will not be able to attend college, putting them at a disadvantage to even children below the poverty level who are able to qualify for federal grants and loans. When one financial capable parent refuses to help with college expenses due to attitude or bitterness over the divorce, the other parent ends up shouldering the burden of college support including transportation, living expenses, medical expenses, etc. just as they do for the children not yet in college, plus take on the parent loan burden for tuition, books, etc. Depending on ability and how many children eventually attend college, this debt can become unbearable and affect ability to obtain housing and car loans needed for the support of the remaining children. The willingness, out of a sense of integrity or moral obligation, of one parent or the other to support according to their ability beyond the age of majority affects the remaining minor children regardless of any written agreement. At a minimum, this section should be re-written to allow an adjustment for beyond majority support that is actually occurring regardless of whether an agreement or court order exists. | Oct 19, 2011 8:26 PM |
| 5 | I WOULD LIKE TO SPEND HOURS POINTING OUT WHERE KCSG HAVE FAILED ME AS A SINGLE MOTHER FOR OVER 20 YEARS! | Oct 19, 2011 5:37 PM |
| 6 | I would like to know if the guidelines pass, if you automatically will get a new child support amount, or if you have to file a motion, pay the fee, fill out paperwork, along with your x spouse, and go before a judge, in order for the new guidelines to | Oct 19, 2011 9:47 AM |

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take effect in a case that is currently in the court system. I have child support that is currently being paid from 2002, and I have never had it reviewed according to my children moving into an order age bracket, etc or new guidelines going into effect, etc.

- 7 I am all for the changes. It is about time. Parents need to become more financially responsible for their children as well as spending time with them. I do want to add that it is frustrating when trying to get an modification on child support and it takes months and months (as in my example it has been 9 months and counting) to get before a judge to get a modification examined because the obligated payor parent refuses to respond to child support enforcement. When a parent's expenses have increased so dramatically and no modification has been made for 4+ years, there is no reason that it is taking almost a year to get an increase. If I could afford an attorney I would have to go through the child support payment center nor would I need an increase. There has got to be an easier, more effective way to get this issue resolved. This should really be looked into next time changes are made. It would be great if it would be clear on who I, personally, to discuss these changes with in our government as I have no idea where to even begin. Oct 19, 2011 7:07 AM
- 8 I feel that they should be stricked on the parents that do not pay child support that are suppose to be paying court ordered or not they should suffer the consaquence on them not paying because if the parents ordered to pay child support feel that they don't need to then its not the other parents fault but in all the children are the ones that end up doing without and suffering. Enforce the law more on the dead beat fathers or mothers that don't pay when they are suppose to and stop making these children suffer that don't receive anything from the other parties who would weather not pay to help their children put them all in jail.... Oct 17, 2011 8:56 AM
- 9 I have heard rumors that time the child is sleeping at night may not be counted as parenting time in the future. If I have my son at night, does that mean I can ignore him if he needs something in the middle of the night because it's not included as official parenting time? No. That is ridiculous. Oct 14, 2011 7:55 AM
- 10 There needs to be greater enforcement on parents that do not pay and harsher punishment, children suffer from singleparents having to work to jobs and be away from the home. Oct 14, 2011 6:10 AM
- 11 The guidlines are fine, I have trouble with the state's attorney following the guidelines, I feel partly because I'm not low income (therefore I don't need support as badly as the next person on his list?), and partly because he has such a high case load. Oct 12, 2011 9:40 AM
- 12 There needs to be more then just change in the guidelines. We need stronger enforcement from the courts, so that child support obligations are upheld. There also needs to be a way to check for "under the table" work. My daughter's father worked for his dad, getting half of his wage under the table, and there was nothing that could be done about it (according to my SRS worker). Something about working "under the table" should be added to the guidelines. Oct 11, 2011 5:37 AM
- 13 I feel like the kid's suffer not only from whatever dead beat parent they have, but also because no matter what guidelines you set up its just not gonna work for Oct 10, 2011 9:09 AM

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- everyone, and that's sad. From my end I'm the one that raise's my kids alone, and get very little from their dad, because they never varified his income before setting up the small amount, now that small amount is set for 3 years. It's taking me years to get the small amount, and I tell my kids daily that every little bit helps. It just sucks that you advertise Kansas doesn't stand for dead beat parents, but you can't do anything to help or stop it, so the parent left holding the children all suffer together, not the dead beat that should pay. I guess thats life, it's just to bad some kids have to learn that at such a young age.
- 14 It is my hope that these new guidelines will make it easier to go after parents who are not paying there child support. Because I am sorry but when one parent is able to continually escape paying childsupport and there are no consequences the parent that is paying and raising the child both suffer Oct 8, 2011 9:05 AM
- 15 i dont understand any of this just want to get information and help to try and collect my daughters last 12 yrs of support owed to her Oct 6, 2011 10:06 PM
- 16 I wish that the State of Kansas would make a law where anyone whom owes child support would have to report it to their employer upon taking a position and it would be automatically garnished. Oct 6, 2011 7:00 PM
- 17 In my opinion if there is an absentee parent (that only has his/her wages garnished to pay and does not have any contact what so ever) should not get to claim the children on his/her taxes. In my case, the check goes to the KS payment center, the absentee parent has not seen his kids in 8 years, nor wants to because he has a new family but still wants to alternate tax years. He does not pay any school expenses including book fees and lunches or anything outside of the "norm", nor does he help his college child in any way. Did not split the cost of orthodontics (2nd child now has them) nor did he help with the purchase of a car(s). To me this needs to be stated somewhere as the custodial parent should be able to claim all of the children that live with them 24/7 365. Oct 6, 2011 11:16 AM
- 18 i feel that some of the things should be changed in the child support guidelines and also my other concern is when there is someone that does direct deposit that i think that they should deposit the money in to the account the same day that they realse it for it to go into the account. Because when they realse the money when you are getting a check they send it out the same day so why cant they deposit it the same day also and in stead of waiting til the next business day. Oct 6, 2011 6:57 AM
- 19 The additional fee that is taken out of the child support dispersement by the Kansas Payment Center should be re-considered. The fee is taken from the amount that is to go to the child. In one year we paid in excess of \$192.00 in fees - that was clearly money that could of been used by our family. This fee should be paid by the non residential parent or the parent paying support, not deducted from the child support that is going to the child. There has to be a way for better communication to occur between states. Oct 5, 2011 4:43 PM
- 20 PLEASE FOR GOD SAKES MAKE THE ABSENT PARENT PAY ON THE FIRST OF EVERY MONTH THEIR WHOLE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE COURT ORDER SO WE THE PARENT THAT THE CHILD IS WITH 24/7 CAN TAKE CARE OF THE CHILDS NEEDS... Oct 5, 2011 12:50 PM

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- 21 The Refusal To Pay Child Support Should Result In Punishment More Severe & Enforced. Taking Away The Payors Ability To Gain Licensure In Kansas Does Not Affect The Payor, The Payor Will Still Hunt, Fish, Drive, Etc Reguardless. The Fact That There Are NO WARRANTS Placed On the Payor For Neglect/ Non Payment Of Child Support IS ABSURD!!! If The Payor DOES Happen To Receive A WARRANT For Non Payment It Simply Disappears OVER An Amount Of Time (In Wyandotte County This Is Proven By A Timeline Of 1 Year). The Children Suffer For A LOT Longer Than A Year, So Why Not Give Non Payment/Neglect Warrants To Payors & NOT Have Them Expire? And YES This WOULD DIRECTLY APPLY & AFFECT MY CHILD SUPPORT CASE. Thank You A VERY Concerned Parent Oct 5, 2011 11:27 AM
- 22 Being that most parents want the best for their children, I think it is reasonable to include the section for "Special Needs". If the custodial parent feels the child would do better in accelerated programs or parochial/private schools, they should not be limited by the non-custodial parent who, based on their financial limitations or lack of willingness to contribute, may put up a road block in allowing something better for the child who doesn't reside with them. Oct 5, 2011 6:46 AM
- 23 One thing is that I feel that if a parent is suppose to pay child support and it is order through the courts. Whether or whether not the parent turns him in through the courts or through SRS when the minimum wage changes and the parent is paying in regards to minimum wage, that should be an automatic increase on the part of child support obligations. The mother should not have to take the father back to court to let the court know that the minimum wage went up. That costs a lot of money, when it seems that a letter could be written to the parent stating that since the minimum wage has increased, your child support will automatically be increased to the appropriate amount. Oct 4, 2011 12:40 PM
- 24 While I applaud the committe on trying to make changes to the support guidelines, I feel much is being missed. Raising the support amounts in this financial crisis seems to be a receipe for disaster. We have far too many parents not taking care of their children responsibly, is it because they cannot afford to pay what the courts deem fair? Is it easier for them to walk away from all obligation then to scrape and suffer and drag the children with them? In one parent is given the majority of the power over the children of the parties, a breakdown occurs. While I do not have an answer, I feel giving the custodial parent more power (extrodinary expenses) will only do futher damage to the relationships of non custodial parents and their children. I STRONGLY disagree with this option. If parent agree to the activites (private school, premiere sports ect) then they will agree to paying for these items for the kids. I feel the court has no business deciding this. Oct 4, 2011 7:47 AM
- 25 i feel that both child support and social and rehabilitation services should follow the rules from the "judge",i have found that on my cases they have not ,and always looking for excuses,and never wanting to look into what the judge ordered,if i didnt collect social and rehabilitation services at my childs birth,all the way up til he was 6 years old ,then why does the state have a right to take my extra child support for what the judge ordered ? i believe if any person ordered to pay child support,then ,it should be on time every time ,no matter what the circumstances are,i also believe that the judge should have the right to order visitation on children,i have my youngest that has anger problems over his biological father , the father wants nothing to do with him,and who is paying for Oct 4, 2011 5:06 AM

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years my daughters are 25 and 26, the state of KS hasn't done a very good job collecting support for my daughters. I was lucky to be in a situation where I had a decent job and was able to support my girls. As they are starting careers of there own there are many times they could still use the money that is owed to them. I have always given what I received to them or made sure it was put back for them. There are other states that have very strict laws and are able to collect not sure what Kansas needs to do to be more proactive in the collecting of child support.

- 32 I find it sad that you implement so many rules and regulations but you don't take in to consideration things like the mother not allowing the ex a say in if the child quits school or not but he is still required to pay support to the mother. It should be terminated if the child is not of age and the parent in which he/she resides signs to allow the child to quit school. I think everyone has an obligation to provide for their children but to put the burden on one person and not allow them the right to have a say so in so many situations is wrong. The residential parent should be held to a certain standard if you ask me and I am a residential parent. What good am I doing my kids if I don't allow them to be coparented? If I allow them to choose to quit school or allow them to dictate the way the house is run? Sep 27, 2011 12:42 PM
- 33 I have a problem with the "indangered spouse" guideline when it come to with holding the taxes of the parent whom is in areers. The other spouse who is filing their taxes with their spouse knows when that spouse owes money for back support or not. Yet when their joint filed taxes are intersepted the other "indangered spouse" has the right to keep those monies in limbo for up to 6 moths to decide wehter tehy will allow the parent whom is owed the money gets it or not. If your married and file joint taxes with your spouse, and that spouse owes back child support, the other spouse knows it. If you don't want your money going to the areerage of the back child then dont file your taxes jointly. Sep 26, 2011 9:08 AM
- 34 My child's father is court ordered to carry insurance on my daughter. He is unemployed and lives on an inheritance, so I pay around 300 extra dollars a month to carry insurance on my daughter, the difference of a single insurance policy and a +1 child policy. I think the system should be be altered to compensate for the always increasing cost of carrying a child on insurance. The child support I receive is less than the amount it costs me to carry my daughter's and my insurance. Sep 24, 2011 8:48 PM
- 35 I did not see any guidelines when it comes to a parent receiving Social Security. What percentage of the Social Security and should the child support be adjusted? Sep 23, 2011 8:54 AM
- 36 I am unsure what will apply and not apply. I know that I have been unable to work do to medical reasons and that the father does not see his child. The court states that he is responsible for 100% of her medical and has only paid one Dr. bill. He was able to lower his child support by having another child, yet continues to work at the DA's office and pays a whole 195 a month when he decides to pay, no withholding order is in affect so he only sends when he wants and its not on a reg. schedule. Sep 23, 2011 6:40 AM
- 37 Guidelines are a good thing when they work. In my case they haven't done much for me. My childrens dad has been working at the same place for 10years. I don't understand how this can happen. Sep 22, 2011 8:31 PM

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- 38 The guidelines are overall pretty good. Sometimes, like with my situation of the Ex-wife having substance abuse and putting the kids in danger, the laws are not written for the kids but for the other parent. It would be great to have more stipulation that the kids should come first and not to try to have parenting time with an substance abusing parent. The times should be changed and enforced to be supervised times. The wishes of the kids should be heard more and taken into considerations more. If the parent shows constant sighs of lack of good parenting judgement and care of the kids, that needs to come into play as far as the parenting times. Again, the children should come first, not the non-residential parent. Sep 22, 2011 10:10 AM
- 39 Well....I think that you have enough comments from me. :) Id like to say that this is extremely important to so many Kansas families. Child support is one of the most sensitive matters for parents. We all want the best for our children. In today's economy, we are all struggling. However, it shouldn't be on the backs of our children.....that we chose to create! Please before any final decisions are made in regards to these guidelines, read what I have commented on. My experience is vast in this area....I am only 1 CP. But, so many other CPs share my voice that may not have my experience or ability to voice their opinion. Determining these guidelines is not all about numbers. Child support greatly effects children and their welfare for what could be the first 18 years of their life...or more. I am not sure if this survey was to remain anonymous or not, but my name is [REDACTED]. I can be reached at [REDACTED] for any questions or concerns. Sep 21, 2011 7:19 PM
- 40 I feel that as a father of my son there should be more rules to protect fathers from courts. My sons mother is an absent parent that basically abandoded him when he was four. She does not get penalized as much as men I hear about that due not pay child support. I believe this is because she is a woman and its natural to think mothers are always good and caring. This for the most case is true but defintlely not in my case. And because our system is biased favoring the mother, it hurts single fathers like me. There needs to be less discrimination in the court system! Add a guidline that protects fathers just as much as mothers.!!! Sep 21, 2011 5:11 PM
- 41 Will there be better implementation of doing something to parents who are unwilling or who just do not pay their child support. Sep 21, 2011 12:56 PM
- 42 I feel that one parents "public assistance" should be counted as income. This not being considered income allows for an advantage to the parent using this "public assistance." It is not the responsibility of the other parent to provide more support to a parent who is not/can not work. Not using this as income in determining child support creates financial strain on the other parent who is potentially providing support to a new family. It should not be the working parents responsibility to pay more because the non working parent can't or doesn't work especially if they are doing an equal or close to equal living situation with the child. Even those parents who are on SSI should not be a financial burden to the working parent. This is not the responsibility of the working parent. That responsibility is ONLY to the child NOT the non working parent. Sep 21, 2011 11:30 AM
- 43 I am glad to see alot of these changes made. I also thing that child support should be refigured every year regardless of the parents requesting it. Some parents may not realize that the other parents income has increased or that they Sep 20, 2011 8:54 PM

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can reevaluate their case

44	I feel	Sep 20, 2011 3:14 PM
45	Guideline adjustments needed to enforce child support court orders. I currently have a court order for a monthly payment for two children and the child support payor is allowed to make any amount of payment toward the order to avoid incarcerated, even though payor is court ordered to pay more than three times the amount received. Guidelines should include providing custodial parent with all court decisions in relation to the case. Please review guidelines of including both parents income to determine support amount. My children have not seen the child support payor for over six years so I have raised them on my own without any assistance. I have done this by working hard and creating a career for myself and since I have done that to support my child, once again the payor is allowed to "piggyback" off of my hard work. I don't believe that both parents income should be considered unless both parents are caring for the children. Thank you	Sep 20, 2011 11:38 AM
46	Thank you for requesting the input from a recipient of child support.	Sep 20, 2011 11:37 AM
47	1. Why is there not a late fee applied to late child support payments? 2. Why is the absent parent not required to report job loss within 10 working days? 3. How many times does an absent parent have to be held in "contempt of court" before going to jail? 4. How much behind in support does the absent parent have to be before he is put in jail? 5. Why is a modification every 2-3 years when if he reports as indicated above, monitoring him would cut the state budget spent on manhours looking for the individual, court costs etc. 6. Modification at least once a year or significant increase in both parents income.	Sep 20, 2011 10:11 AM
48	I would like to see the courts make it easler on the "receiving" parent to file contempt charges, reimbursements, receive income tax dividends etc. for parents not on SRS. It is very costly to have to go back and file motion after motion to get the other parent to pay - and pay ON TIME. My bill collectors do not accept me saying "my ex has 45 days to pay the child support before it is considered late, and I can do anything about it". They want their money when its due. So do it :)	Sep 20, 2011 9:54 AM
49	Please help us single parents support our children by enforcing absent payers to be responsible for their obligations. For two years I have struggled to receive adequate payments to ensure my children are properly supported. The absent parent has neglected to pay full child support and has shown proof and still isn't paying the amount court ordered by the judge. If you have any questions for me my case number is [REDACTED]	Sep 19, 2011 6:02 PM
50	hold all people who recieve child support payments accountable. look at fathers rights.most fathers have no rights when its comes to the kansas child support. women lie on men everyday about paternity issues just to get a check and that is wrong. my sister did this to a man and i felt so sorry for the man and child involved. it seems as though we as women can get away with murder when it comes to this child support thing. the forms we fill out to establish child support ask you if you any other partners and if she answers no and it proves otherwise. she lied to the CSE/government and she should be held accountable for lying to everyone. and if my child support check was really there to help my child was	Sep 19, 2011 2:43 PM

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dont i get every dime. CSE is making a killing on these collected payments. i really dont think its about the child because you also should consider when that father gets married and have other children you need to think about hes taking care of his child that lives with him as well. all children in and out of wedlock should be considered when you are looking to take money from that working dad who is happily married providing for all his children. again this system is looking to get the state rich not the child

- 51 it is unfair to allow the parent that is obligated to pay child support, to pay when ever and however much he/she decides to pay that month. as a parent i cannot tell my insurance provider not to take out my childs premium this month because I did not receive court ordered support. i feel the child support laws should be enforced on a quicker basis than allowing a parent to get behind 3 or 4 months before being brought before the court. Sep 19, 2011 12:13 PM
- 52 I do not feel that it is fair that a judge can verbally tell a father he is to provide insurance and pay half medical bill and child care. I am in a situation where I get \$200.00 a month for child support. In the court order, the judge stated that the father must pay all insurance and half medical and half child care in addition to the child support. I put out \$200.00 per month on insurance, \$300.00 a month on child care, \$100.00 medical bills and get nothing from the father. The only way to get this money is to take the father back to court. This is additional time off work and court fees. The child care, at least, should have been automatically garnished from my daughter's father's wages. Sep 19, 2011 9:33 AM
- 53 Rarely have I seen any child support orders modified correctly by the state attorneys. Personally, I have never had transportation allowance, when I (custodial parent) am the one driving the child from Salina to Denver on a regular basis. I (custodial parent) have carried health care on my child, when the father is clearly responsible for doing so. I (custodial parent) have paid every single non-covered medical expense since birth. I have asked child support enforcement to assist me in recovering the non-custodial parent's portion, however, they refuse to. I am simply told, this is not something that they really enforce. Then why is it in there? I agree with most of the changes. But is someone going to actually enforce these changes?????? Sep 19, 2011 9:19 AM
- 54 The only thing that I would like to state is that I feel like that us mothers and fathers that receive child support are railroaded alot, there are so many children due support, and when us as parents inform our case workers etc... of the non payment of support from the absent parent nothing is ever done. Sep 19, 2011 8:58 AM
- 55 I believe there should be tougher consequences for those who deliberately do not pay their child support. Many children have to go without or cannot participate in activities if the parent does not pay child support. In return the child suffers from this. Sep 19, 2011 7:28 AM
- 56 There needs to be some guidelines put in place when there is an "absent parent". Also, more consequences for failure to pay support, and chronically missing payments. Sep 19, 2011 2:05 AM
- 57 I don't feel that you saying termination of employment is NOT a material change in circumstances. It most certainly is, because if the parent who is paying child support loses his/her job, then they won't be able to pay child support, now, will Sep 18, 2011 7:29 PM

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they?? I completely disagree with saying employment termination is not a material change in circumstances.

- 58 I feel that the parents who are required to pay child support should be held accountable. If they "lie" to the court they should have a consequence. It is important to pay to help support the children regardless of relationships between the parents. The children should not have to suffer and not be able to engage in activities or have necessary items because one parent changes jobs every couple months to avoid paying. I believe their should be stricter laws regarding a person who changes jobs frequently and consequences for not reporting employment as to avoid paying child support. Sep 18, 2011 2:08 PM
- 59 While the system has generally worked relatively well for my family, there have been times when I felt that I was admonished for things that were out of my control. When my exhusband and I went back to court to deal with frivolous and unfounded issues brought up by my ex, we were scolded for not following the guidelines set forth in our decree. While I was, my ex wasn't. At times making direct payments to me instead of through KPC. Living in the real world and trying to maintain normalcy for my three children, I wasn't going to refuse a payment because it didn't follow mandated protocol. (These payments were well-documented and reported by me to our case manager.) I could not control what my ex did while we were married. To be expected to, and chastized for seemingly failing to, as his ex is comical. In action, the law doesn't seem to support the one who is doing the right thing. I appreciate the legal support when having to be directly involved in court proceedings due to my ex being in arrears, but it would be very, very, very helpful to have KPC also act as the "instigator" of proceedings instead of the exspouse who receives support. It would be much like the police filing charges in domestic abuse situations instead of the victim. Potentially victimizing that person further in the future. While definitely not the same caliber of ramifications, for those living with exes in constant arrears, we are consistently being put in a fragile situation trying to get it resolved with our ex. Thank you for your time at attention trying to make this work better. Sep 17, 2011 7:03 PM
- 60 I just have to say that when it comes to child support it is hard for someone to collect on past and I think it is unfair to the parent getting the support to have to wait two months to finally get someone to do something to the other parent to get them to pay. Also I think that unemployment should be allowed to have withholdings out of it especially for parents who in the past have shown they will not pay unless there is a with holding order put on them. I also think that when someone is fired the amount should stay the same instead of going down. Sep 17, 2011 11:01 AM
- 61 Their needs to be more done to collect child support from non paying parents. Sep 17, 2011 7:06 AM
- 62 All i want is the judge to hold these dead beat people accountable for there actions on paying there child support or lock them up. this is getting out of hand because you keep slapping them on the hand and letting them get away with it. Sep 16, 2011 8:02 PM
- 63 see my comment in first section as I feel like the child support system allows some people get to slide by while other suffer and no one cares about the children. Sep 16, 2011 7:02 PM
- 64 Would be helpfull if those that are under employed in order to avoid payment could be held accountable and have thier real wage earning potential used as a Sep 16, 2011 6:07 PM

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basis to compute support and not the "job of the month" they hold at the time support is calculated. Also if they are a contract employee being paid by an employer to have the employer withhold from the contract payments. Feel free to contact me with any further questions: [REDACTED]

- 65 :The consistency of delivery of child support, even with direct deposit I never know when I will receive it. Also on income tax return and claiming dependents I feel it should depend on which parent they spend the most time with. Sep 16, 2011 4:35 PM
- 66 I am irritated with the lack of authority of child support enforcement. In my case, I have been the one to have had to locate the father of my children myself with no assistance from my authorities. I have been the one to notify agents where my ex-husband is employed, with no assistance from authorities. Further, my husband is custodial parent for his two daughters. Currently, his ex-wife is more than \$11,000 behind in child support. At this point, she is refusing to gain employment so that she does not have to pay support. She is married to a deployed soldier and lives on his income. Further, we have been advised by child support enforcement that they cannot do anything to force her to comply with the order to pay. We are frustrated as we have 2 kids together and the bills do not stop for us. However, it appears that the non-custodial parents are not held to the same standard and obligations to ensure the orders imposed are followed. Sep 16, 2011 12:48 PM
- 67 Why does the non residential parent get a credit for all of their random children they have, but those of us that are the residential parents don't get any kind of credit for the children we have had with our current spouse and are living with us. If I am paying child support on another child I get credit for that, but what about my children my husband and I are raising together I get no credit for the expenses of that child???
- 68 I have totally appreciated my case worker, and have been very lucky that the father of my kids has followed the guidelines! Sep 16, 2011 11:25 AM
- 69 Parents who are ordered to pay need to be prosecuted immediately for non payment. My exhusbands pays so infrequently and never gets in trouble for it. The deadbeat dad law needs to be enforced and Every parents with an order to pay who fails to do so should be arrested asap! The same goes for parents who refuse to work. Weekend jail orders and incarceration need to be enforced! Sep 16, 2011 11:15 AM
- 70 I feel that there should be stronger penalties for parents who constantly quit their job or are terminated from employment. I feel that instead of giving a parent one month after they are fired or quit to gain employment that it should become 30 days from the time they are fired or quit. Example the current law states that if a parent loses employment on August 1 they have until October 1 to find employment. If they quit August 29 they still have until October 1 because the month of August does not count. By changing the law a parent who quits a job on August 1 would have 30 days to find a job or until August 31. Also if a parent is arrested for non-payment of child support the bond amount should be the amount of the past due balance and be a cash only bond so the money goes where it is suppose to go. If the parent can not make bail then they should be made to enter into a work release program, lose their driver's license, and be subject to house arrest until the back child support is paid. I know this sounds harsh but unless the laws become more strict than parents will not take the law Sep 16, 2011 9:50 AM
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seriously.

- 71 I know that if you are not walking in that persons shoes, then you can't understand them, and maybe that is what is going on when i try to explain what type of creature my ex-husband is. He is violent, abusive, manipulating, habitual liar. We have a [REDACTED] yr. old mentally disabled son. He requires a lot of attention, especially school wise. Everything cost money, almost nothing is free. Transportation to and from school has put a hurting on our personal living situation. Because he is autistic, there are certain everyday needs that he requires. 3 weeks before school started, his father quits his job and i could not afford to get my kid a pair of pants for school. not one. His father IS working, under the table, he isn't reporting his income because he has trouble with his taxes, i turned him in for tax fraud, falsely claiming our son on his taxes every year!! He owes over \$,6000 in arrears. He is just hell bent to do what he wants how he wants and it doesn't work like that. I have asked for help from the kansas agencies, nada. When i wrote to them after several calls and getting the run around a lady from CSE [REDACTED] took it personally that i called my ex a deadbeat and that they do do enough to pursue deadbeats. they don't. I had to find someone to help me online to collect one penny from this person (support kids). I am trying to explain that my ex will not willing come to you with job change information. of course not, a little investigation has to be done. he hid his second car and motorcycle buy signing the titles over to family members for goodness sakes, it is just the type of snake he is. You guys have to put your foot down when "enforcing" child support, if he doesn't pay go to jail. 30 days, warning, 60 days, jail, 90 days 1 yr in prison. the children suffer because of men like this. Why should i be forced to stay in this horrible state and suffer if he isn't even doing what he should?? Please put deadbeats in their place. thanks
- Sep 16, 2011 9:10 AM
- 72 My recommendation would be directed to the companies that garnish the payroll checks, this is not done in a consistent or timely manner. The Kansas Payment Center has a time from of 48hrs to deposit the funds into accounts so why do we allow major corporations (ONEOK) to process child support payments at their convenience? I receive support bi weekly and it ranges from 3-7 days before it is given to the Kansas Payment Center...never the same day of the week. How are the Mothers suppose to have a set budget and piece of mind raising our children when we can never count on our payments to be received in a certain time frame? We all know our pay dates so why don't we set a time limit on the companies who garnish for child support? Kansas Payment Center has to follow guidelines so why don't the companies have the same rules?
- Sep 16, 2011 8:46 AM
- 73 Like I said earlier there needs to be alot of changes. My ex just keeps not paying and you guys dont do anything but set bench warrants & they dont get picked up unless they get in trouble. Even if we give you address & phone #'s. Now she shows up to court with excuses & again you do nothing.. my case [REDACTED]
- Sep 16, 2011 7:45 AM
- 74 I am constantly having to fight my ex in court to pay support...he has not spent one day with his kids in a year and a half and switched jobs constantly. He has refused to cooperate with his attorney and delayed information on his employment multiple times. I am just trying to fight for what is owed to me to support my children full time and it makes for a very frustrating circumstance and legal bills that are not necessary. Thank you for re-evaluating the guidlines to better support the children of divorce.
- Sep 16, 2011 6:24 AM

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- 75 My ex husband and his new wife started a new business months ago but they put the business in his wifes name. he went to the srs and asked to have his child support lowered since he hasn't worked but a few months in the last for years but yet he is not admitting to working at their new bbq business which I know for a fact is a lie. there needs to be a way to make them base the child support of their income from the business not minimum wage. he goes months without paying and now only pays \$10 a week at the most for many months now and I can not afford an attorney. There needs to be a law to address this issue. Sep 15, 2011 9:22 PM
- 76 My ex has always been able to skate around the system. I'm tired of not getting help. Anything done to help my kids get the money they are owed is supported by me. Sep 15, 2011 7:14 PM
- 77 Something needs to change with the child support guidlines in kansas, I have to fight my son dad every month for him to pay his child support, and he is also to pay for my son healthinsurmac he doesn't do it. I always get the run around when wanting to enforce the court order.. they tell me because he is self employed they can't do anything, yes they can!!! He is a self employed farmer, who can go out an buy his older children brand new sports cars but can't afford to pay his child support and pay health insurance for his youngest child. Starting placing liens on his farming equipment, grain, cattle. Take his drivers license away. it would be hard to go place with no driver license or maybe he should spent time in jail. He is treated like king because he is self employed, while I struggle to pay for daycare and put clothes on my son because he is a deadbeat. Sep 15, 2011 6:31 PM
- 78 I feel and have always felt that it is unfair for the parent receiving child support to be the one that pays the 4% to the Kansas Payment Center. I also feel that it is unfair for the parent paying child support not be charged a late fee or interest rate if they are late or behind on their payments. Sep 15, 2011 4:49 PM
- 79 I feel that a parent who chooses not to be involved at all in their childs life should receive no benefit from any calculations. They should not receive any income tax consideration, nor should they receive any credit as though the spend time with the child as in the 80/20 plan. The best interst of the child is for both parents to be involved when one chooses not to that should be reflected in their child support. Also a parent who works a full time job and has multiple off duty jobs all those jobs should be taken into consideration for child support. Just because they change multiple off duty jobs quite often they always have relied on them for income their child should receive the benefit of that as well. Sep 10, 2011 7:11 AM
- 80 I would like some changes in how the state goes after deadbeat parents. More needs to be done on this because the longer the non custodial parent gets away with not paying their child support the less these children get for things that are needed. I think that companies like Boeing who use contracting compaines to hire their workers should cooperate with CSE when they are sent letters asking about an employee regardless if they are working for them through a contracting company this info should be shared. this is why many parents are getting away with not paying child support because companies refuse to cooperate with a withholding order. When a parent goes to SRS or CSE or the Court trustee and asks for help in getting this child support money they need to make sure they keep that parent up to date with what they are doing to get this money. I also think the state needs more strictor laws on parents who refuse to pay child support like putting their name in the newspaper and showing how much they Sep 10, 2011 7:06 AM

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owe, restrict their driving privileges, go after their taxes, refuse hunting licenses, and refuse them to purchase guns, put them in jail and make them pay for the back child support through work release, go after their unemployment. This way the children are getting the money that is owed to them for their upbringing and by putting all these restrictions on parents who refuse to pay child support it will show them the state is serious about deadbeat parents and that they are not going to get away from this obligation any more. Plain and simple. Thank you for listening to our concerns. Hopefully more will be done about this.