

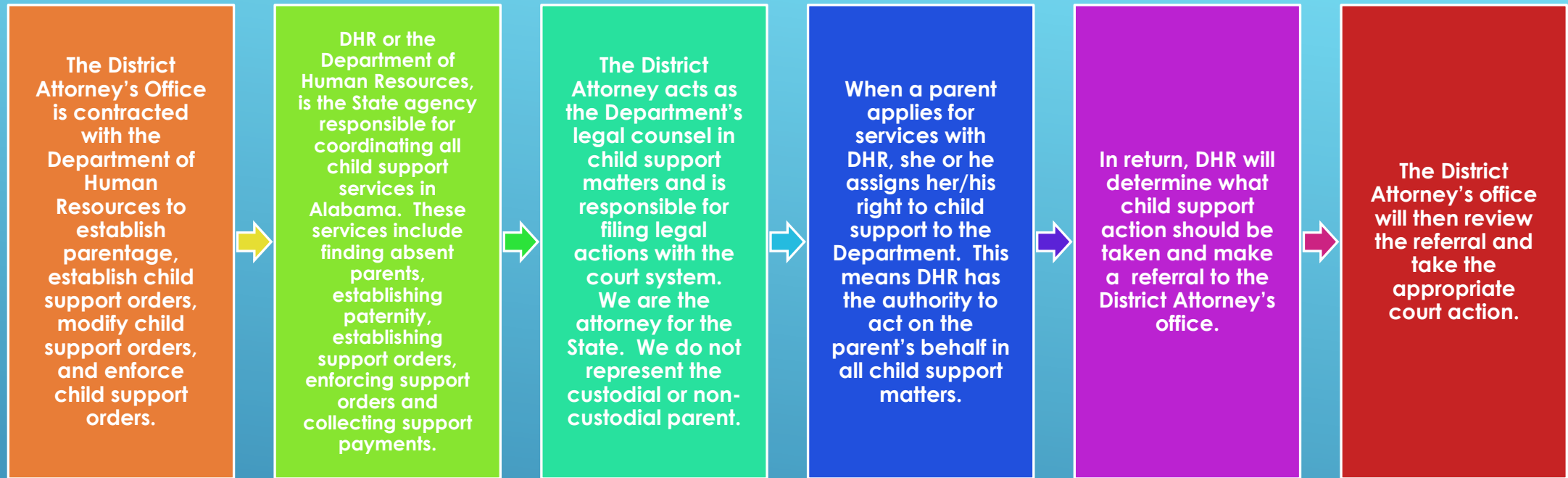
CHILD SUPPORT  
DIVISION  
BALDWIN  
COUNTY  
DISTRICT  
ATTORNEY'S  
OFFICE



**What is child support and what does our division do?**



CHILD SUPPORT IS  
MONEY PAID BY A  
PARENT TO HELP MEET  
THE NEEDS  
OF A CHILD



What role does the District Attorney play?



## Why establish paternity?

- Provides the child with a needed identity: Who am I? Where did I come from?
- Provides a health history for medical care.
- Helps to establish entitled benefits such as social security, health insurance or inheritance benefits.
- Provides financial support.



ONCE PARENTAGE IS  
DETERMINED, AN  
ORDER OF SUPPORT  
WILL BE ENTERED BY THE  
COURT.

## How is child support figured?

Alabama uses an “income share model” to figure child support. This standard is set by the Alabama Rules of Judicial Administration under Rule 32.

To determine support, we use the combined gross income of the mother and father, the cost of health insurance, the cost of day care and factor in any other pre-existing child support orders.



State of Alabama Unified Judicial System	<b>CHILD-SUPPORT-OBLIGATION INCOME STATEMENT/AFFIDAVIT</b>	Case Number
Form CS-41 Rev. 7/2019		
IN THE _____ COURT OF _____ COUNTY, ALABAMA <small>(Circuit or District) (Name of County)</small>		
Plaintiff _____ v. Defendant _____		
AFFIDAVIT		
I, _____, being duly sworn upon my oath, state as follows : <small>(Name of Affiant)</small>		
1. I am the <input type="checkbox"/> Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> Defendant <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____ in the above matter. My Social Security number is: XXX-XX-X _____ LAST THREE (3) DIGITS ONLY		
2. I am <input type="checkbox"/> currently employed. My employer's name and address are: _____ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> not currently employed. My last employer's name and address are: _____ _____ Last position title: _____ Average monthly salary in the last year of employment: \$ _____		
3. My monthly gross income includes: <small>(For example of income that must be included, see back of this form. If income varies by month, enter the estimated average monthly gross income.)</small>		
Employment income	\$ _____	
Self-employment income	\$ _____	
Other employment-related income	\$ _____	
Other non-employment-related income	\$ _____	
Total	\$ _____	
4. I incur the following amount monthly for work-related child-care: \$ _____ <small>(if none, write "None")</small>		
5. The child(ren) of the parties is/are <input type="checkbox"/> not covered by health-care coverage from me and/or my employer. <input type="checkbox"/> Health-care coverage is available at a cost of \$ _____ per month. <input type="checkbox"/> covered by Medicaid or other public health-care coverage at no cost to me. <input type="checkbox"/> covered by health-care coverage, and (1) I pay \$ _____ each month, or that amount is paid on my behalf each month by my _____, for the family policy coverage under which the child(ren) is/are covered; and (2) the total number of persons covered under that policy is _____. The pro rata portion of the health-care coverage cost attributable to the child or children who are the subject of the support order (which shall be calculated by dividing the total health-care coverage cost actually paid by, or on behalf of, the parent ordered to provide the coverage by the total number of persons (adult and/or children) covered and then multiplying the result by the number of children who are the subject of the support order) is the sum of \$ _____. The health-care-coverage company's name and address are: _____		
6. I pay the following total amount for <input type="checkbox"/> child support <input type="checkbox"/> alimony in [a] prior case(s) as follows: [List case number(s) and county(ies) and state(s) here]: _____ \$ _____ <small>(if none, write "None")</small>		
I understand that I will be required to maintain all income documentation used in preparing this Income Statement/Affidavit (including my most recent income-tax return) and that such documentation shall be made available as directed by the court. I also understand that any intentional falsification of the information presented in this Income Statement/Affidavit may subject me to the penalties of perjury.		
Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, _____ Affiant		
Notary/Clerk _____		

CS 41 or  
Income  
Affidavit




CS 42 or  
Guideline  
Sheet



State of Alabama Unified Judicial System	<b>CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES</b>	Case Number		
Form CS-42 Rev. 5/2022				
IN THE _____ COURT OF _____ COUNTY, ALABAMA <small>(Circuit or District) (Name of County)</small>				
_____ v. _____ Plaintiff Defendant				
Children	Date of Birth	Children	Date of Birth	
		Number of Children		
Line	Item	Plaintiff	Defendant	Combined
1	MONTHLY GROSS INCOME	\$	\$	\$ 0
1a	Minus Preexisting Child Support Payments	-	-	0
1b	Minus Preexisting Periodic Alimony Payments	-	-	0
2	MONTHLY ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME <small>(Line 1 - Line 1a - Line 1b)</small>	\$	\$	\$
3	PERCENTAGE SHARE OF INCOME <small>(Income on Line 2 divided by Combined Income)</small>	0%	0%	100%
4	BASIC CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION <small>(Apply Line 2 Combined to Schedule of Basic Child Support Obligations)</small>			\$ 0
5	WORK-RELATED CHILD-CARE COSTS (Paid by Either Parent)	\$	\$	+ 0
6	HEALTH-CARE-COVERAGE COSTS (Paid by Either Parent)	\$	\$	+ 0
7	TOTAL CHILD-SUPPORT OBLIGATION <small>(Combined Line 4 + Line 5 + Line 6)</small>	0	0	\$ 0
8	EACH PARENT'S CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION (Line 3 x Line 7)	\$	\$	
9	TOTAL COSTS PAID BY EACH PARENT (Line 5 + Line 6)	-	-	
10	EACH PARENT'S ADJUSTED CHILD-SUPPORT OBLIGATION <small>(Line 8 - Line 9. If less than \$0, enter \$0.)</small>	\$	\$	
<b>Self-Support Reserve (SSR)</b>				
11	INCOME AVAILABLE AFTER SSR <small>(Line 2 - SSR of \$981. If less than \$0, enter \$0.)</small>	\$	\$	
12	INCOME AVAILABLE FOR SUPPORT <small>(85% of Line 11. If less than \$50, enter \$50 minimum obligation.)</small>	\$	\$	
<b>Recommended Child Support Order</b>				
13	RECOMMENDED CHILD-SUPPORT ORDER <small>(Lesser of Lines 10 and 12)</small>	\$	\$	
Comments, Calculations, or Rebuttals to Guidelines:				
Prepared By: _____ Date: _____				

# CS 43 Form or Compliance Form

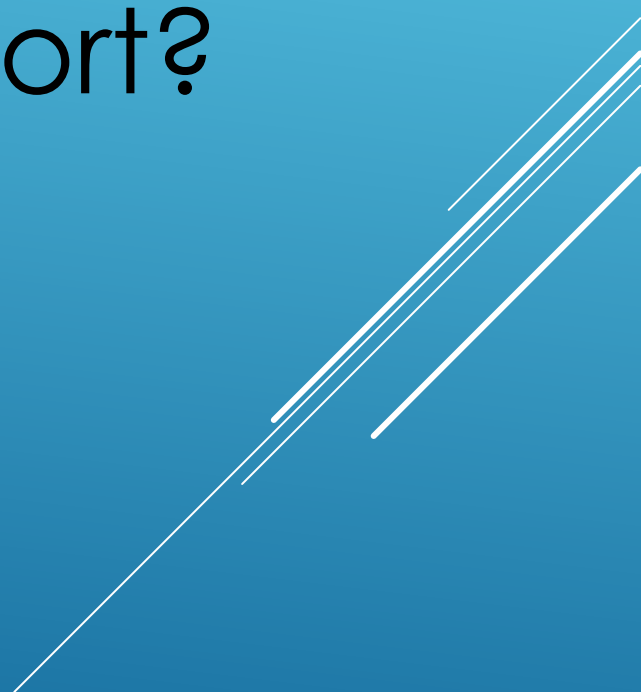
State of Alabama Unified Judicial System Form CS-43 Rev. 7/2019	<b>CHILD-SUPPORT GUIDELINES NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE</b>	Case Number
IN THE _____ COURT OF _____ COUNTY, ALABAMA (Circuit or District) (Name of County)		
_____ Plaintiff v. _____ Defendant		
<input type="checkbox"/> Based upon the income and expenditures supplied by parties in Form CS-41, "Child-Support Obligation Income Statement/Affidavit," the child-support guidelines, as set out in Rule 32, Alabama Rules of Judicial Administration, have been followed and applied.		
<input type="checkbox"/> The child-support guidelines, as set out in Rule 32, Alabama Rules of Judicial Administration, have not been followed and applied as they would be unjust or inappropriate because of the following reasons: _____ _____ _____		
The amount of support required under the child support guidelines would be \$ _____.		
Date: _____	Date: _____	
_____ Signature of Plaintiff	_____ Signature of Defendant	
_____ Signature of Plaintiff's Attorney	_____ Signature of Defendant's Attorney	
_____ Address of Plaintiff or Plaintiff's Attorney	_____ Address of Defendant or Defendant's Attorney	
_____ Telephone No. of Plaintiff or Plaintiff's Attorney	_____ Telephone No. of Defendant or Defendant's Attorney	

A group of children are running happily in a field of yellow wildflowers under a clear blue sky. The children are holding hands and appear to be in a line, moving from left to right. The two children in the foreground are a girl in a red shirt and a girl in a blue shirt, both smiling broadly. The background shows more children in various colored shirts, and the field is filled with green grass and yellow flowers. The sky is bright and clear.

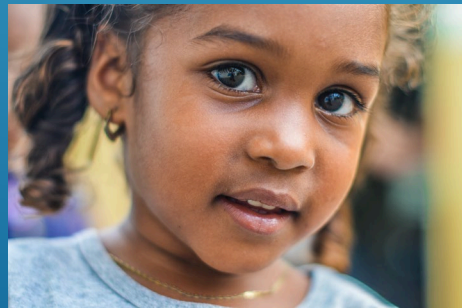
Once paternity and child support has been determined, the court will enter an order to ratify the amount of support.

Child Support is due each month until the child emancipates.  
In Alabama, that age is 19.

What happens if the non-custodial parent fails to pay child support?



**The District Attorney, at the request of the Department of Human Resources, will file contempt charges against an absent parent if he/she fails to pay child support. The case then goes before a judge to determine whether the non-custodial parent is in contempt and if so, what sentence will be imposed.**





▶ Consequences for non-payment:

- ▶ Contempt of Court
  - ▶ Jail Time
  - ▶ License Suspension
  - ▶ Passport Suspension or Denial
  - ▶ 7.5 % Interest on Unpaid Balances
  - ▶ Negative Credit Reporting
  - ▶ Tax Intercept
- ▶ But above all, your child goes without his or her basic needs!

**WHAT IF MY INCOME  
CHANGES OR  
MY CHILD EMANCIPATES?**



**DHR can also help moms and dads modify their child support by sending a legal referral to our office.  
Modifications can be requested for many reasons.**

**Examples:**

**Emancipation of a child**

**Income change**

**Change in day care or insurance premiums**

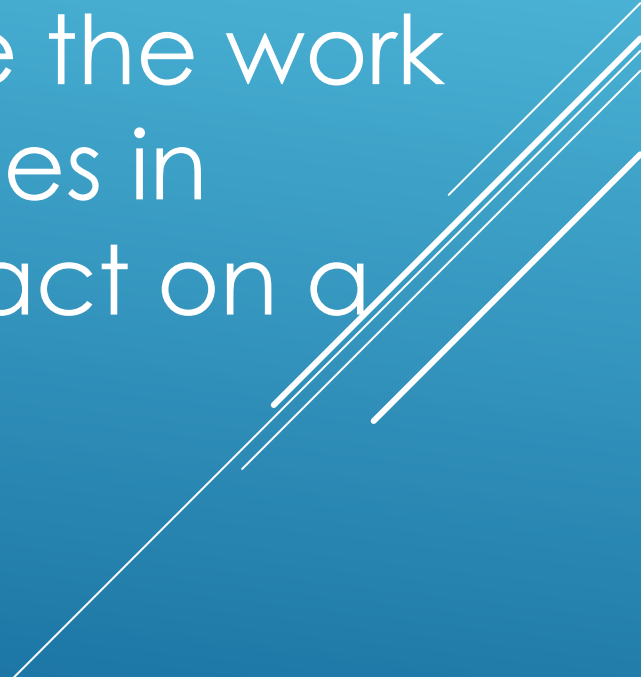
**Custody change**

**Child needs special care or child is disabled**

*Modifying*

**Child Support**

In conclusion, child support is designed to make sure both parents share in meeting their children's financial needs. Our role is to see that this responsibility is upheld. While the work can be challenging, the reward comes in knowing we've made a positive impact on a child's life.



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