Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

California's Child Support Program: A Resource for Parents

- **Where to go for help:**

California's Child Support Program works with legally acknowledged parents and guardians to ensure children and families receive court-ordered financial and medical support. Some of the services offered at the 52 county and regional child support agencies are:

  - Establishment of child support and medical support orders
  - Establishment of parentage
  - Modification of child support orders
  - Enforcement of child support orders
  - Accurate accounting

Applications for services are available at the local child support agencies or online at: http://www.childsupport.ca.gov. Click: "Apply for Services" on the website. Applications can be printed and mailed or brought to the local child support agency for processing.

- **Additional Assistance:**

  - Family Law Facilitator: Every family law court has a family law facilitator to provide child support information and help parents or guardians obtain and complete court forms. Services are free. Visit: Self-Help Guide to the California Courts | California Courts | Self Help Guide for more information.

  - Human Services: Social workers and family resource centers can be helpful in finding the needed services in your area. Visit: California Health and Human Services - California Health and Human Services for more information.

  - Social Security: Under certain circumstances, Social Security will pay benefits to grandchildren. More information can be found on the Social Security website at: http://www.socialsecurity.gov/kids/index.htm.

  - American Association of Retired Persons (AARP): The AARP has resources available to you if you are raising your grandchildren. The AARP has a "Guide for Grand families" which can assist you with tips and tools needed to take care of yourself and your family. Additional information can be found at: AARP® Official Site - Join & Explore the Benefits.

For more information, contact your local child support office: 1 (866) 901-3212 **or TTY:** 1 (866) 399-4096
https://childsupport.ca.gov/

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