

NON CUSTODIAL PARENTS TOP 10 TO KNOW ABOUT CHILD SUPPORT

- 1. You should find out as much as you can about the caseworkers and court representatives you meet with—their titles, their power to make decisions, and their power to change decisions**
- 2. The court can proceed with your case if you do not show up for a court hearing.**
- 3. You should make certain that you understand any document you are signing.**
- 4. You should know the consequences of signing a document before you sign it.**
- 5. Visitation and custody are separate processes that the child support agency may not handle.**
- 6. Avoiding the child support system and avoiding child support enforcement messages and correspondence can make your situation worse.**
- 7. If you can, pay child support consistently, even if the amount you pay is below the amount you are ordered to pay.**
- 8. Make sure that you explain and have some written proof of your financial situation so that court orders for payment can be set at realistic amounts.**
- 9. You should notify the court or your child support caseworker whenever you lose your job or your income is reduced for whatever reason.**
- 10. Generally, it is unlikely that child support debt will be forgiven.**

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