

# Top 10 Points for Noncustodial Parents Dealing with the Child Support System

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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