



Orange County Child Support Services (OC CSS) strives to provide outstanding customer service and the best court experience.

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Things to Know

Before Your Court Hearing

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PREPARING FOR YOUR HEARING

In order for us to set a reliable child support amount, it is vital that we have complete and accurate information. Two weeks before your hearing, use the self-addressed envelope to provide your case manager the following:



Completed Income & Expense Declaration



Three most recent paycheck stubs



Copy of your most recent federal tax returns*



Child care verification, including expense receipts



Custodial/visitation schedule, including dates and duration

**If self employed include Schedule C and Profit/Loss statement*

THE DAY OF YOUR HEARING

Court hearings take place in the Lamoreaux Justice Center located at 341 The City Drive, Orange CA 92868. A Commissioner will hear the case and make a decision on the child support order.

- 1 Sign in with the Child Support Professional at the check-in desk on the 5th floor (outside Dept. L-51).
- 2 Be ready with your personal and financial information.
- 3 Take the opportunity to meet with a Child Support Professional and provide any updated personal and financial information prior to your court hearing.

If you are represented by an attorney, OC CSS staff cannot interview you without your attorney present.

- 4 OC CSS Attorneys will present facts and information provided by both parents to an OC Superior Court Commissioner.

If hearing is scheduled at:	Pre-hearing interviews begin at:
8:00 a.m.	7:30 a.m.
1:30 p.m.	10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

HOW IS CHILD SUPPORT DETERMINED

The Court follows the statewide Guideline Calculator (GLC) when setting a child support amount. Some factors the court considers are:

- Monthly income for both parents
- Child care expenses
- Health insurance cost
- Visitation

You can access the GLC at childsupport.ca.gov/calculate-child-support/ for more information on how child support is calculated.

AFTER THE HEARING

A handout with the monthly child support obligation and effective dates and/or next hearing date is provided at the end of every hearing. A copy of any child support order issued by the court will be mailed to both parties within 7-10 days from the court order filing date.

You can conveniently make payments at the courthouse immediately after the hearing in the form of:



Cash
(exact amount)



Check



Money Order/
Cashier's Check



Credit Card

Facts to Know:

- Only the Court may grant continuance (postponement) or cancellation of your hearing.
- You may obtain a private attorney to represent you in court.
- Custody and visitation issues are handled by the Family Court Services (FCS) Department. If you need more information contact the Family Law Facilitators Office at (657) 622-8457.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact us for questions regarding your upcoming court date or general information.



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