Family law Child Support

Child Support Service

A service for people with child support problems





We are a specialist service which is part of Legal Aid NSW. We are not part of the Child Support Agency (CSA) or Centrelink. We can give you independent legal advice.

Our service is completely confidential.

We only provide information about you or your case to other people or organisations (like the CSA or Centrelink) with your permission.

Is this service for me?

We provide free advice and assistance to:

- paying parents who have to pay financial support for children after separation;
- carer parents who are or should be receiving financial support for children; and
- people who are looking after children who are not their own because of an order of a Family Court or informal arrangement (for example grandparents, aunts or uncles of a child).

What sort of things can I get help with?

We can help you with things like proof of parentage, working out or changing child support assessments and agreements, CSA decisions, Centrelink requirements about child support, over 18s maintenance, and court proceedings concerning child support legal issues.

In certain cases we can assist you to follow up your case with the CSA or by writing to the other parent.

We represent you in a tribunal or a court

In some circumstances, if you need further assistance, one of our lawyers can represent you in a Family Court or the Social Security Appeals Tribunal.

You will need to meet Legal Aid's means, merit and policy guidelines to get a grant of legal aid. Our means test looks at how much money you earn and how much you own (such as money in the bank). Our merit test looks at whether your case is likely to succeed.

A lawyer employed by Legal Aid NSW may not always be able to assist you because of ethical reasons. If this is the case, we will do our best to refer you to another lawyer who will be able to assist you.



The Child Support Service visits many NSW regional areas on set days and times from Monday to Friday.

If there is no office near you call

1800 451 784

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Nowra

Tamworth

Wollongong Sydney

Lismore

Coffs Harbour

Please call us to make an appointment

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02 9633 9916

(Sydney and metropolitan areas)

1800 451 784

(outside Sydney)

Child Support Service Level 5, 91 Phillip Street Parramatta NSW 2150



If you are hearing or speech impaired, you can contact us by calling the National Relay Service (NRS) on 133 677 or TTY 9219 5126.



The Translating and Interpreting Service provides free interpreters if you do not speak English. TIS can help you talk to services in your language. Call TIS on 131 450. Legal Aid family lawyers, located at all Legal Aid NSW offices can also assist with child support and a referral to the Child Support Service.

Bankstown

Civic Tower, Level 8 Cnr Rickard Rd & Jacobs St Bankstown 2200 Tel: 9707 4555

Blacktown

Level 2. Kildare Court 13 Kildare Rd Blacktown 2148 Tel: 9621 4800

Burwood

Burwood Rd Burwood 2134 Tel: 9747 6155

Campbelltown

Level 4. 171-179 Queen St Campbelltown Tel: 4628 2922

Coffs Harbour

41 Little St Coffs Harbour 2450 Tel: 6651 7899

Dubbo

64 Talbragar St Dubbo 2830 Tel: 6885 4233

Fairfield

Fairfield Chase 25 Smart St Fairfield 2165 Tel: 9727 3777

Gosford

Level 2, 37 William St Gosford 2250 Tel: 4324 5611

Lismore

Level 4, 29 Molesworth St Lismore 2480 Tel: 6621 2082

Liverpool

Level 4. Interdell Centre 47 Scott St Liverpool 2170 Tel: 9601 1200

Manly

Ground Floor 39 East Esplanade Manly 2095 Tel: 9977 1479

Newcastle

51-55 Bolton St Newcastle 2300 Tel: 4929 5482

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55-57 Berry St Nowra 2541 Tel: 4422 4351

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Penrith 2750 Tel: 4732 3077

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424-426 Peel St Tamworth 2340 Tel: 6766 6322

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Ground Floor Best Place. Morrow St Wagga Wagga Tel: 6921 6588

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Ground floor. 73 Church St Wollongong Tel: 4228 8299

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Copies are available from Publications, Legal Aid NSW on 02 9219 5028 or the Child Support Service on 02 9633 9916. You can also order online: www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/pubsonline

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