

HOW DO I APPLY FOR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES?

If you receive public assistance, you are automatically referred to child support.
You do not need to apply for child support services.



CONTACT YOUR CHILD SUPPORT OFFICE

Find your state or tribal website on the [child support contact map](#). Your state may allow you to apply online. If not, or you prefer to apply in person, visit or call your local child support office.

Your state or tribal website will have contact information for your local child support office.

Contact your local office and tell them you want to apply for child support services.



GATHER YOUR INFORMATION

Your local child support office needs information about you and the child's other parent (usually called the noncustodial parent).

The office will let you know what documents you need to gather to open a case.



COMPLETE AN APPLICATION

You can get an application from your local child support office. Some offices let you apply online.

Complete the application and follow the instructions on how to submit it to the child support office. (You may have to pay an application fee.)

Please stay involved. Call your child support office if you have questions about your case.
Visit the [Understanding Child Support](#) web page for more information about the program.
[Federal Office of Child Support Services](#)