

Information for Noncustodial Parents

Child Support Enforcement has started a pilot project to assist qualifying noncustodial parents affected by job layoffs that, in turn, affect their ability to meet their child support obligations. The pilot project also involves Job Service of North Dakota and the state's court system.

Noncustodial parents whose cases are being handled by Child Support Enforcement and who, for reasons outside of their control, have been either permanently or temporarily laid off or whose work hours have been significantly cut can contact a regional child support enforcement unit for assistance in meeting their child support obligations.

Assistance provided to a noncustodial parent under the pilot project will typically take two forms.

- The regional child support enforcement unit will prioritize the case and pursue a modification of the support obligation by using the most recent income data and then filing a motion with the court for a modified support order.
- The regional child support enforcement unit will suspend certain enforcement tools. For example, interest accrual will be suspended and administrative license suspension activities will be put on hold. If appropriate, the noncustodial parent will be referred to the PRIDE program, a multi-agency project to improve employment opportunities for noncustodial parents.