

Common Questions

- Q. What if the obligor cannot completely pay off the agreed payment plan?
- A. Interest will be reinstated on the arrearage amount.
- Q. Will my wage withholding be increased to cover the additional payment?
- A. No, your current wage attachment will not increase or change in any way due to the Amnesty Program. Your case worker will provide you with an address to mail in your Amnesty payments.
- Q. Will my obligation amount be changed?
- A. No, your current court-ordered obligation amount will not be changed or modified due to the Amnesty Program.

Questions or Concerns:

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www.WVDHHR.org/BCSE

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The Amnesty Program

**Assistance with
Paying Past Due
Child Support**

Debt

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The Amnesty Program Can Help You Pay Past Due Child Support Debt

The Amnesty Program was created by the West Virginia Legislature to help individuals who are required to pay child support and have accrued a large amount of past due child support to pay off their past due debt.

If both the obligor and the obligee agree, all or a portion of the interest which has accrued may be forgiven.

In exchange for adjusting the interest, the obligor must agree to pay off the principal amount owed within 5 years / 60 months.

NOTE

Current and future child support obligations will remain the same

-AND-

The Amnesty Program only pertains to the INTEREST on past-due child support.

Getting Started

1. Both the obligor and obligee must reach a voluntary agreement as to what percentage of interest is to be waived.
2. Contact your local office to schedule a meeting with your case worker. Your case worker can provide an updated arrearage calculation and a sample agreement for you.
3. Draft a payment plan which includes the agreed upon amount waived as well as the payment plan for the remaining arrearage.
4. Petition the Court. The Court must approve the plan before it becomes effective.

Definitions

Arrearage:

Accumulation of past-due child support payments which were not paid.

Child Support:

A court-ordered amount to be paid by an obligor.

Obligee:

The parent to whom child support is paid.

Obligor:

The parent who is court-ordered to pay child support.

Principal:

The total amount of child support which remains unpaid before interest is added.