
Common Questions

- Q. What if the obligor cannot completely pay off the agreed payment plan?
- A. Interest will be reinstated on the arrears (past-due amount).
- Q. Will there be an increase in my wage withholding to cover the additional payment?
- A. No, your income withholding will not increase or change due to the Amnesty Program. A caseworker will provide you with an address to mail in your Amnesty payments.
- Q. Will my monthly child support amount change?
- A. No, your monthly obligation will not change due to the Amnesty Program.

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Questions or Concerns:

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Amnesty Program
Assistance with paying
past-due child support



The Amnesty Program can help you if you have child support arrears.

The West Virginia Legislature created the Amnesty Program to assist obligors who owe a large child support debt.

If both the obligor and the obligee agree to the requirements of the Amnesty Program, all or a portion of accumulated child support interest may be forgiven.

In exchange for the forgiveness of child support interest, the obligor agrees to pay off all remaining child support arrears within 5 years.

NOTE:

Current and future child support obligations will remain the same.

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

Getting Started

1. The obligor and obligee must **voluntarily agree** to the amount of waived interest.
2. Contact [your local BCSE office](#) to schedule a meeting. A case worker can provide an updated arrears calculation and a sample agreement.
3. You must draft a payment plan that includes the amount of interest waived and the payment schedule for the remaining balance.
4. [Petition the Court](#). If the Court approves the payment plan, an order is entered to conditionally suspend interest. If all payments are received, the Court will enter another order that permanently removes the waived interest.

Definitions

Arrears - 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 person 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.

