

# Basic Information About Child Support in California

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Child support is an amount of money a court orders either one parent or both parents to pay every month to help pay for the care of their child or children. Child support is normally ordered after a petition for divorce is filed, and usually the non-custodial parent pays child support to the custodial parent.

Misconceptions abound regarding child support. Some noncustodial and custodial parents alike think the money is intended to help support the custodial parent. Others believe that child support should be put in a separate account to be used only for the children's direct expenses, and still others believe every penny should be accounted for on a monthly basis.

None of those misconceptions are true. The broad purpose of child support is to help provide for the needs of the children, which means it may be used to help pay for rent and utilities, groceries, clothing, and so on. A child support recipient does not normally have to account for how the money was spent.

If you feel you are getting the short end of the stick where child support is concerned, then think about the long-term costs that will accrue over the years your children are entitled to support. Paying for competent, aggressive representation now is worth every penny. Like the old adage, when it comes to legal advice you get what you pay for.

If you need an advocate on your side to fight for the outcome that is right for you and your children, contact an experienced family law attorney to petition the court on your behalf. The [Law Offices of Judy L. Burger](#) will aggressively pursue the best outcome possible for you in your child support proceedings.

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