

## Are You Eligible for the Compromise of Arrears Program (COAP)?

### CALIFORNIA'S CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM:

A Resource for Parents ...



Do you owe back child support (arrears) for a period of time when your child(ren) received public assistance? In certain child support cases, the Compromise of Arrears Program (COAP) allows for a parent to pay less than his or her total arrears. Take this opportunity to see if you qualify and make an offer.

- You may be eligible for the COAP program if you meet the following criteria:
  - At least \$501 in arrears is owed for a period of time your child(ren) received public assistance in California
  - All the arrears owed on your case(s) cannot be paid off within three years, based on your current income and assets
  
- Circumstances that will make you ineligible for COAP:
  - Not complying with a previous COAP agreement within the last two years
  - Found in contempt of court for failure to pay child support within six months prior to the date of application
  - Intentional failure to pay child support in anticipation of a compromise
  - Concealment of income, assets, or any reasonably anticipated income or assets or intentional withholding or falsifying of financial information
  - Submitting more than one COAP application within a year
  
- Payment Options:
  - Monthly repayment or lump sum repayment (may be required under certain circumstances)

Contact your local child support office: 1-866-901-3212, or: TTY 1-866-399-4096



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