

Family Reunification Compromise of Arrears Program

CALIFORNIA'S CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM: A Resource for Parents ...



If your child was previously placed in foster care, or with a guardian or relative and is now living with you, you could qualify to have the amount of past due child support (arrears) that you owe reduced or eliminated.

■ Who qualifies?

You may qualify if you meet all the following:

- You owe child support arrears while your child was not living with either parent and received public assistance from one of the following:
 - Temporary Assistance to Needy Families - Foster Care (TANF-FC)
 - California Work Opportunity and Responsibility of Kids (CalWORKs), or
 - Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment Program (KinGAP)
- Your child is living with you now at least 50% of the time.
- Your child is a minor.
- Your income is less than 250% of the federal poverty level (\$27, 925).¹

■ Can all of my child support debt be eliminated?

- The amount is determined by the local child support agency based on the facts of your case.
- The amount reduced can be up to 100% of the child support arrears you owe to the state for the time period your child did not live with you.

■ What do I need to do?

You must complete and submit an Application for Compromise - Family Reunification packet to your local child support agency.

■ How long does it take?

The local child support agency will send you a letter within 30 days after receipt of a complete Application for Compromise - Family Reunification packet on the status of your application.

¹ "2012 Federal Poverty Level" <http://www.coverageforall.org> (2012)

Contact your local child support office: 1-866-901-3212, or: TTY: 1-866-399-4096
<http://www.childsup.ca.gov>

