

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

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



More and more grandparents are raising their grandchildren. Providing the basic necessities such as food, clothing, and shelter is a financial challenge for many grandparents. Nationally, one in ten children live with their grandparents with 41% acting as the primary caregiver.¹



■ Where to go for help:

California's Child Support Program works with legally acknowledged parents and guardians to ensure children and families receive court-ordered financial and medical support. Some of the services offered at the 52 county and regional child support agencies are:

- Establishment of child support and medical support orders
- Establishment of paternity
- Modification of child support orders
- Enforcement of child support orders
- Accurate accounting

Applications for services are available at the local child support agencies or online at: <http://www.childsup.ca.gov>. Click: "Apply for Services" on the website. Applications can be printed and mailed, or brought to the local child support agency for processing.

■ Additional Assistance:

- **Family Law Facilitator:** Every family court has a family law facilitator to provide child support information and help parents or guardians obtain and complete court forms. Services are free. Visit: <http://www.courts.ca.gov/self-help/facilitators.htm> for more information.
- **Human Services:** Social workers and family resource centers can be helpful in finding the needed services in your area. Visit: <http://www.chhs.ca.gov> for more information.
- **Social Security:** Under certain circumstances, Social Security will pay benefits to grandchildren. More information can be found on the Social Security website at: <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/kids/index.htm>.
- **American Association of Retired Persons (AARP):** The AARP has resources available to you if you are raising your grandchildren. The AARP has a "Guide for Grandfamilies" which can assist you with tips and tools needed to take care of yourself and your family. Additional information can be found at: <http://www.aarp.org>.

¹ Livingston, Gretchen and Parker, Kim "Since the Start of the Recession, More Children Being Raised by Grandparents" Pew Research Center. September, 2010. Internet. Available at: <http://www.pewsocialtrends.org/2010/09/09>.

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



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