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).

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.

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