

NEW CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-6-15, Georgia's new child support guidelines **require** new paperwork in all pending cases involving child support issues. Both parties **must** file completed Child Support Worksheets and Schedules as a part of their case in addition to the Domestic Relations Financial Affidavit. Most DeKalb County Superior Court Judicial Divisions will require the filing of completed Child Support Worksheets and Schedules, and Financial Affidavit prior to being placed on a calendar.

Where can I get help completing the Worksheet & Schedules?

The DeKalb Family Law Information Center is open to the public and can help you complete the Child Support Worksheets and Schedules. The Center also has lawyer consultation appointments available if you would like to get legal advice about child support issues. An appointment is required for a lawyer consultation. **The Center is located in the DeKalb County Courthouse at 556 North McDonough Street in Decatur, GA in Room 160.** It is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. An appointment is not required for help, but highly suggested. **Please note that the latest time available for assistance with the Worksheet and Schedules is 4:00 p.m.** To schedule an appointment for worksheet assistance or an attorney consultation, please call (404) 687-3990 or you may schedule an appointment while visiting our website.

What if I just want to complete them on my own? Where can I get the Worksheet & Schedules?

An Electronic Worksheet in Excel Version is available on-line over the Internet through Child Support Services at www.georgiacourts.org/csc. You will answer a series of questions about the household income and child rearing expenses for both parents. The Electronic Worksheet will automatically figure out the child support obligation of both parents. You will need to enter the information that is requested by following the directions that are included with the Worksheet and Schedules. You may need to work on the worksheet or refer to it more than once so it is suggested that you save it so that you can make changes if necessary. Once you have completed the worksheet and schedules you should print the pages (click and print each labeled worksheet tab where information has been entered regarding your case). You will need to include the Worksheet and Schedules along with the petition that you are filing with the court. Your civil action number will be assigned when your case is filed.

Where can I go to get on the Internet?

In addition to your own Internet access, the DeKalb County Public Libraries have free public Internet access. They also allow printing at a small cost. The Library does impose time restraints for Internet access. To locate the DeKalb County Public Library nearest you, please call (404) 370-3070.