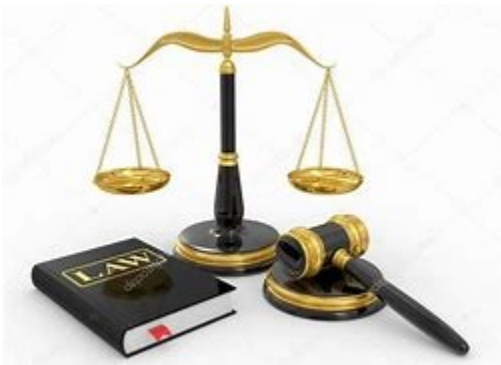


# **INTERSTATE CHILD SUPPORT CASES**



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**Can I get child support if my  
child's other parent lives in a  
different state?**

*Yes. However, the procedures may take longer and may be different than if both parents were living in the same state.*

**What is the procedure for  
establishing paternity or a child  
support order against a parent  
who is out of state?**

*The Child Support Division will file the appropriate paperwork with the court, and will attempt to legally serve or give notice to the other parent in the other state. That parent must sign for a certified letter in order to be served, or be personally served by a police officer. If the parent is properly served, the court then will establish your order at a court hearing.*

**What if the Child Support  
Division cannot serve the other  
parent with notice of the  
petition to establish paternity or  
child support?**

*If the Child Support Division cannot properly serve the other parent, your case must be sent to the other state to establish paternity or support pursuant to the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA). This can be a quite lengthy process and you will have to fill out several pages of paperwork in order for your case to be sent to the other state.*

**Can I enforce a child support  
order against a parent who lives  
out of state?**

*Yes. However, the procedures may take longer and may be different than if both parents were living in the same state.*

**What is the process for enforcing a support order against a parent who lives out of state?**

*Since the parent lives out of state, the Child Support Division does not have a jurisdiction to order that parent to appear in court for not paying his or her child support. If the Child Support Division is unable to get the parent to start paying by sending a delinquency letter or a wage garnishment order, your case must be sent to the other state for enforcement under UIFSA. This can be a very length process.*

**I have a child support order from another state. Can Indiana enforce my order?**

*Yes. The Child Support Division will send paperwork to the other state asking that they enforce your support order.*

**Can I modify my support order if the other parent lives out of state?**

*Yes. If the other parent cooperates with the modification process, your order can be modified in court in Indiana. If, however, the Child Support Division cannot serve or get information from the other parent, they may have to ask the other state to file the modification in your case, which can take a long time.*

**If my case has been sent to another state, how quickly can I expect to hear something?**

*It can be several months before you hear anything from the other state, or before a court date is set in the other state. The Child Support Division never expects to hear anything from the other state for at least three months after sending them UIFSA paperwork.*

**I have a child support order in Ohio, but I live in Indiana, and my child's other parent lives in Kentucky. How can I enforce my support order?**

*Under UIFSA, the Child Support Division can send your case to Kentucky to enforce your Ohio order. This is a lengthy process and requires a lot of paperwork to be completed, but this may be the only way to enforce your support order.*

**I owe child support in Ohio, but I received court papers about child support in Indiana. Where am I supposed to pay?**

*Here. Ohio has asked Indiana to enforce your support order. You should appear at the court hearing date set in Indiana, and then you will begin making your support payments in Indiana, who will forward them to Ohio.*