

Free Child Support Class

The Child Support Information Class is provided as a community service. The class is conducted in a group setting which allows attendees to learn from others' questions.

The class is intended to provide general information about Clark County's Family Court, Nevada's child support laws, and the government child support enforcement program, particularly District Attorney Family Support in Las Vegas.

At the Child Support Information Class attendees can ask questions to, and hear the opinions of, a Deputy District Attorney, an attorney who works child support cases daily.

You must register to attend the Class.

Registration is Free & Easy!

- Register in person at the Self-Help Center
- Register by telephone: (702) 455-1505
- Register by sending an email to: shcinfo@clarkcountycourts.us

The Child Support Class is
Sponsored by:

The District Attorney's Office
Family Support Division
301 Clark Avenue Suite 100
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101
(702) 671-9200

http://www.co.clark.nv.us/District_Attorney/FS/



Phone:

(702) 455-1500
(702) 455-2500 (Español)
(800) 326-6868 (TT/TTD)

Website:

www.clarkcountycourts.us/shc

Location:

601 N. Pecos Road
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

Hours of Operation:

Monday – Thursday
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

*Customers must arrive at least 15 minutes prior to closing to receive assistance.

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Child Support is the financial contribution made by one parent to help support his/her child. Child support must be paid until the child emancipates. Usually, a child emancipates upon his/her eighteenth birthday or, if the child is still enrolled in high school, on his/her nineteenth birthday.

Nevada law contains specific guidelines that determine the correct amount of child support to be awarded. The guidelines are mathematical formulas based upon a parent’s gross monthly income. Gross monthly income is the amount of income a parent earns before taxes and other lawful deductions are withheld.

For purposes of calculating child support income includes: salary, consistent overtime, self-employment, and imputed income.

**Primary Physical Custody
Child Support Calculation**

- ◆ One Child = 18% of gross monthly income
- ◆ Two Children = 25% of gross monthly income
- ◆ Three Children = 29% of gross monthly income
- ◆ Four Children = 31% of gross monthly income
- ◆ There is a 2% increase for each child thereafter

If the parents have a joint physical custody arrangement the child support calculation is different. In a joint physical custody arrangement exists when each parent has physical custody of the child at least 40% of the time calculated over a one year period.

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Joint Physical Custody Child Support Calculation

Step 1: Calculate the percentage each parent would pay under the primary physical custody calculation.

Step 2: Calculate the difference between these two amounts (subtract the higher number from the lower number).

Step 3: The higher income parent must pay the lower income parent the amount in Step 2.

Step 4: Apply the presumptive maximum if necessary

The minimum amount of child support that will be awarded is \$100.00 per month, per child, regardless of income.

Likewise, there is a presumptive maximum amount of child support which is adjusted annually on July 1.

Income Range	Presumptive Maximum	
At Least	Less than	Max. amount/child
\$0	\$4,235	\$621
\$4,235	\$6,351	\$683
\$6,351	\$8,467	\$747
\$8,467	\$10,585	\$807
\$10,585	\$12,701	\$870
\$12,701	\$14,816	\$931
\$14,816	No Limit	\$995

Child Support FAQ

How do I open a child support case with the District Attorney Family Support Division?

Parents can call the Family Support Division at (702) 671-9200 and have an application mailed to them, stop by the Family Support office and pick an application up, or visit the Family Support Division website.

What if my child has special needs that are not met by the statutory amount of child support?

Nevada law allows for deviations from the normal child support formula. NRS 125B.080 provides that if a parent can prove by clear and convincing evidence that the needs of a child are not met by the applicable formula the court may order a higher or lower amount of child support. Factors the court will consider include:

- ◆ The cost of health insurance;
- ◆ The cost of child care;
- ◆ Any special educational needs of the child;
- ◆ The age of the child;
- ◆ The legal responsibility of the parents for the support of others;
- ◆ The value of services contributed by either parent;
- ◆ Any public assistance paid to support the child;
- ◆ Any expenses reasonably related to the mother’s pregnancy and confinement;
- ◆ The cost of transportation of the child to and from visitation if the custodial parent moved with the child from the jurisdiction of the court which ordered the support and the noncustodial parent remained;
- ◆ The amount of time the child spends with each parent;
- ◆ Any other necessary expenses for the benefit of the child; and
- ◆ The relative income of both parents.