

Court ordered mediation services and the development of parenting plans are provided at no cost to never married parents under Access and Visitation Programs located in Cook, DuPage, Lake, Peoria, Tazewell and St. Clair Counties.

The United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families provides grants via The Access and Visitation Program to States in order to establish and administer programs to support and facilitate parents' access to and visitation of their children. These services in Illinois are administered by the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, Division of Child Support Services.



Illinois Laws...

Changed in order to provide a greater degree of fairness in the areas of paternity and child support. This pamphlet is intended to provide a summary of the major changes in these areas.

For general information concerning
Illinois' child support services
go to
www.childsupport.illinois.gov

or call
Child Support Customer Service
Call Center
1 800 447 4278

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MEDIATION SERVICES FOR NEVER MARRIED PARENTS



PROVIDING BALANCE IN THE LIVES OF OUR CHILDREN

| ILLINOIS LAWS | THEN (prior) | NOW (current) |
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| Terminology Changes | Visitation Visitation Order Custody Removal (changing child's permanent place of residence) Custodial Parent Non Custodial Parent | Parenting Time Parenting Plan Allocation of Parental Responsibilities Relocation (changing child's permanent place of residence) Obligee or Parent Obligor or Parent |
| Parentage Act | Parentage Act of 1984 | Parentage Act of 2015 |
| Voluntary Acknowledgment of Paternity (VAP) | Effective upon signing and witnessing Creates a presumption of paternity Must be signed on or after the birth of a child | Effective upon signing, witnessing and filing with and approval by the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services Equivalent to a judgment of paternity May be signed prior to the birth of a child |
| Right to Cancel VAP | Effective upon signing, witnessing and Filing with the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services within 60 days of signing the VAP or Denial of Paternity | Effective upon signing, witnessing and filing with the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services within 60 days of the filing of the VAP or Denial of Paternity |
| Denial of Paternity | Effective upon signing and witnessing | Effective upon signing, witnessing and filing with and approval by the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services |
| Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act - Child Support Guidelines - | Percentage of Income Guidelines based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-custodial parent's income | Income Shares Guidelines based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • both parent's income (civil unions are recognized) • the prorated share for each parent of the combined income, and • the child's physical care arrangements (parenting time; shared parenting; split care). • Other factors may include, but not be limited to, extracurricular activities and school expenses; child care; and health care. There is a Basic Chart and a Worksheet provided by the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services. The Basic Chart computes net income by deducting the standardized tax amount from gross income. The Worksheet is used for calculating child support utilizing each parent's income and physical child care arrangements such as parenting time. If a parent is unemployed or underemployed, child support shall be calculated based on a determination of potential income. |
| Health Care for Child | Primarily required the non-custodial parent to provide insurance for the child | Either or both parents may be required to provide insurance or cash medical for the child. Health cost may not exceed 5% of providing parent's gross income. |