

# KENT CO. FOC NEWSLETTER

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## CONTACT FOC

There are many ways to contact FOC:

- Call 616-632-6888
- Email [FOC.Mail@kentcountymi.gov](mailto:FOC.Mail@kentcountymi.gov)
- 2-way communication  
[www.michigan.gov/michildsupport](http://www.michigan.gov/michildsupport)
- Schedule an appointment  
<https://kentcountyfoc.setmore.com/>
- 24/7 Case Access  
[www.michigan.gov/michildsupport](http://www.michigan.gov/michildsupport)
- Visit the website [Friend of the Court - Kent County, Michigan \(accesskent.com\)](http://www.accesskent.com)
- Mail: 82 Ionia NW, Suite 200, Grand Rapids MI 49503.
- Drop dox on 1<sup>st</sup> floor at 82 Ionia NW, Grand Rapids 49503.

*FOC Mission: "To serve the Court and the families of Kent County to ensure children are supported, both financially and emotionally."*

## SPRING BREAK IS COMING

Many parenting time orders call for **spring break parenting time**. Now is the time to check your order. FOC enforces orders as they are written. Orders need to be *specific* to be enforced by FOC. If you have questions, call us at 616-632-6888 or [schedule a Custody and Parenting Time Questions phone meeting](#). If you and the other parent want to discuss and possibly change your parenting time order, you can sign up for FOC Mediation here: [Kent County FOC: FOC Mediation \(signupgenius.com\)](#).

## SMILE Video Available Online

Co-parenting can be difficult when parents don't live together and struggle to get along. The SMILE video, provided courtesy of the Oakland County Friend of the Court, is a helpful tool for parents going through a divorce, parents that never lived together, and everything in between. Access the video [here](#) or on the [MiChildSupport website](#) (certificate of completion available).

## PASS-THROUGH FUNDS FOR FAMILIES

If you receive **cash assistance**, recent changes may mean a difference in the amount of child support you receive due to a **pass-through**. The pass-through was started in 2020. What is a pass-through? When a parent who owes you child support pays in the month it's due, you receive some or all of this money instead of it being sent to the state. If you get cash assistance for one child, you can get up to \$100 more in child support each month. If you get cash assistance for two or more children, you can get up to \$200 more in child support each month. In 2020, **\$3.9M** was distributed to families through the pass-through. [Visit this site](#) for more information.

## MICHIGAN PARENTING TIME GUIDELINE

The revised Michigan Parenting Time Guideline is now available [online](#).

## FOC APPOINTMENTS

Visit our online [scheduler](#) to schedule a **phone call, custody and parenting time questions meeting, child support meeting, or lobby payment**.

