

How to Start a Child Support Case

The Kent County Friend of the Court does not start child support cases. Child support cases are started by the Office of Child Support. Read below to learn how to start a child support case.

If You Have Ever Received Public Assistance

- If you or your child receive **public assistance** or have received assistance in the past, you should already have a child support case.
- If you have not received a letter from the Office of Child Support **within 3 months** of your public assistance case opening, **call 1-866-540-0008**.
- If you or your child received public assistance in the past and a child support case was not opened, or is closed, you can apply for child support services. You can apply online with [MiSupport](#) or you can submit the [IV-D Child Support Services Application/Referral](#).
- Or you can file a new case directly with the circuit court.

If You Have Never Received Public Assistance

- If you or your child have **never** received public assistance and you do not have an open case, you can apply for child support services.
- You can apply online with [MiSupport](#) or you can submit the [IV-D Child Support Services Application/Referral](#).
- Or you can file a new case directly with the circuit court.

Resources

- [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services](#)
- [MiChildSupport](#)
- [Kent County Friend of the Court](#)
- [Understanding Child Support](#)
- [Legal Assistance Center](#)