



LEGAL INFORMATION RESOURCE SHEET

Obligation	Tools to Assist
<p>To explain court processes and procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Definitions • Procedural Definitions • Cites of statutes, rules, and policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Friend of the Court Handbook • Child Support Program Overview http://www.michigan.gov/dhs • Michigan Self Help Center http://courts.michigan.gov/scao/selfhelp/selfhelphome.htm • SCAO's Domestic Relations Publications http://courts.michigan.gov/scao/resources/publications/pamphlets/index.htm#focpubs • 2008 Michigan Child Support Formula Manual http://courts.michigan.gov/scao/resources/publications/manuals/focb/2008MCSFmanual.pdf • Common Michigan Domestic Relations Statutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT ACT: Act 174 of 1971 ➤ SUPPORT AND PARENTING TIME ENFORCEMENT ACT: Act 295 of 1982 ➤ CHILD CUSTODY ACT OF 1970: Act 91 of 1970 ➤ THE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT: Act 138 of 1966 ➤ UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT: Act 310 of 1996 ➤ THE PATERNITY ACT: Act 205 of 1956 <p>Additional information is available at http://www.legislature.mi.gov</p>
<p>To inform customers how to bring problems before the court</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Friend of the Court Handbook • In pro per forms (some are available at http://courts.michigan.gov/scao/courtforms/domesticrelations/driindex.htm#foc)
<p>To remain impartial and maintain confidentiality</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Model Code of Conduct • Michigan Court Rule 3.218 • Local Court's Ethics Policy

Publications Available on Line

Domestic Relations and Family Matters

[An Employer's Guide to Income Withholding](#) (PSA 12) (60k PDF file must be printed on 8 1/2 x 14 inch paper in landscape)

[Enforcement of Domestic Relations Orders](#) (PSA 27) (106k PDF file)

[Facts About the Michigan Child Support Formula](#) (PSA 24) (41k PDF file)

[Friend of the Court: Citizen Advisory Committees](#) (PSA 28) (181k PDF file)

[Information About Using Liens to Obtain Past Due Support](#) (PSA 23) (74k PDF file)

[It's Important to Know Your Rights](#) (PSA 21) (45k PDF file)

[Show Cause Proceedings In Domestic Relations Cases](#) (PSA 25) (24k PDF file)

[Tax Refund Offset Program](#) (PSA 13) (514k PDF file)

[The Uniform Interstate Family Support Act \(UIFSA\)](#) (PSA 29) (76k PDF file)

[Understanding Child Support Payment Distribution](#) (PSA 30) (15k PDF file)

[What it Means to Represent Yourself in a Domestic Relations Matter](#) (PSA 26)

Available at:

<http://courts.michigan.gov/scao/resources/publications/pamphlets/index.htm#focpubs>

Department of Human Services Child Support Publications

[Child Support Form and Publication Order Form](#) PDF

[FOC Handbook](#)

[Understanding Child Support: A Handbook for Parents - DHS Pub-748](#) PDF

[Understanding Child Support: A Handbook for Parents - DHS Pub-748-\\$25 Fee Supplement](#) PDF

[What Every Parent Should Know About Establishing Paternity - DHS Pub-780](#) PDF

[Lo Que Cada Padre Debe Saber Sobre Estableciendo la Paternidad - DHS Pub 780-SP](#) PDF

[Fatherhood - DHS Pub-806](#) PDF

[DNA Paternity Testing - DHS Pub-865](#) PDF

Available at <http://www.michigan.gov/dhs>