

Orange County Child Support Services



The seal of Orange County, California, is circular. It features a central illustration of a landscape with green hills, a blue sky with mountains, and several oranges in the foreground. The words "COUNTY OF ORANGE" are written in a semi-circle at the top, and "CALIFORNIA" is written at the bottom.

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**Our Mission**

- Focus on finding solutions for parents
- Holistic approach
- Collaborative work with both parents



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OC Legal Services Attorney Team

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Chief Attorney Dee Dinnie

Caseload	Court Hearings Average Per Month	# Attorneys
67,863	1,234	17

- ❖ 1 Chief Attorney
- ❖ 2 Supervising Attorneys
- ❖ 1 Customer Service Team Assignment
- ❖ 2 Special Enforcement
- ❖ 11 Legal Caseload



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Lamoreaux Justice Center



BETTY LOU LAMOREAUX  
JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER  
301 - 341 The City Place South



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CSS Check in Desk



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Orange County Child Support Services

**Courtroom**





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**California Law**

California Family Code Section 4053 (j) states in part: The guideline seeks to encourage fair and efficient settlement of conflicts between parents and seeks to minimize the need for litigation.

- ✓ **Collaborating with both parents and partnering with other agencies.**




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**Collaboration**



- AB1058 Legislative History sets out the three distinct but co-dependent branches systems for assisting families and ensuring their access to the courts and justice.
  - The Court
  - LCSA
  - FLC
- OC CSS and the Family Law Court (FLC) have a long history of collaborating for the benefit of our mutual customers and families.




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**Progression to Present Day**

- ✓ Plan Of Cooperation Meetings/Workgroups
- ✓ Monthly and Quarterly meetings lead by FLC and LCSA Attorney
- ✓ FLC's point of contact to designated attorney, confidentiality rules for phone calls and documentation
- ✓ Co-located
- ✓ FLC workshops
- ✓ Future plans – Attorney liaison and FLC to meet quarterly



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**Community Resource Center**



The image shows the interior of a Community Resource Center. A long wooden reception desk is in the foreground. Behind the desk, there are several computer monitors and a person working. The wall behind the desk has the text "Community Resource Center" and "Connecting You to Success". There are framed pictures on the wall.



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**CSS Lobby**



The image shows the CSS Lobby. It is a bright, modern space with a wooden floor. There are several light blue sofas arranged in a U-shape. There are potted plants and large windows in the background.



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Welcome to Los Angeles Superior Court  
The World's Largest Trial Court System



- Serves close to 10 million people
- More than 500 judicial officers
- 38 courthouses over 4000 square miles
- 12 Self-Help Centers
- 11 Family Law Facilitator Offices

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Courts

Access to Justice:  
Family Facilitator  
Facilitator's Office  
Paralegals/Attorneys  
Multiple Locations

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JusticeCorps

Full-Time and  
Part-Time Members

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Legal Aid  
Agencies

Collaboration with Court Based Self-  
Help Centers  
Expanded Scope Assistance  
Language Access

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Off-Site  
Court  
Services



Veteran thanking FLF Clinic staff



Court staff at opening of Patriotic Hall FLF Clinic

Veteran/Service member  
Child Support Clinics  
LCSA Collaboration

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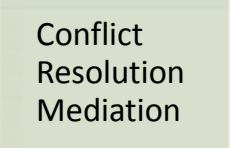
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Law  
Schools



Law Student  
Volunteers



Conflict  
Resolution  
Mediation



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TIRED OF PAYING BACK  
CHILD SUPPORT?



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LET US HELP YOU  
"COAP"

The Compromise of Arrears Program

COAP

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DO YOU QUALIFY?



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You Owe More than  
\$501

#1

You owe past due child support to the government because your child/ren is/are receiving or has/have received public assistance and the amount you owe is over \$501 (aka "assigned arrears")



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## You can't pay it ALL

#2

You do **NOT** have the ability to pay all of the child support arrears and interest that you owe within 3 years time without some agreement or compromise



A cartoon illustration of a man in a suit holding a brown bag from which several dollar bills are flying out.

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#3

You **TRUTHFULLY** tell us what you make and you have **NOT** stopped making payments in anticipation of this program



A cartoon illustration of a man in a white shirt and tie holding a money bag with a dollar sign on it, standing in front of a row of houses.

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## You Can Pay a Reduced Sum in 3 Years

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You are able to **reduce** the arrears within 3 years AND still pay current support obligations



A close-up photograph of a metal stamp with the word "PAID" in red ink.

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## Conviction/Denial

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You have NOT:

- Been convicted or had contempt filed against you within the last 6 mo. for failing to pay child support
- You have not had an agreement **denied** within the last year or **rescinded** within the last 2 years


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## REMEMBER

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Reduce does not mean ELIMINATE



You will be able to reduce the amount that is owed to the government to a reasonable sum, but in most cases you will NOT be able to reduce the amount to zero.

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## SOOOO.....

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DO YOU  
THINK  
YOU  
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The Next Step is

**EASY!!!!**

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**GET THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS**

1. Last Years Tax Return



2. Proof of Income for the last 3 months



3. Proof of payment of Union Dues/Day Care Expenses/Child Support



4. Bank Statements for the last 3 months

5. Documents showing your assets (if any)



6. Cancelled checks for Rent and Utilities

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**Fill-Out Application**

You can obtain the Application with the Financial Declaration from DCSS. Within the Application you will have to make an offer of compromise



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## Make Your Offer

- If you owe less than \$5,000 or owe money in more than one case, you will have to make a lump sum offer
- If you owe more than \$5,000 in a single case, you can offer to make smaller payments over a 3 year period or a lump sum payment

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## Bring you Offer to DCSS

Submit the Offer, Application and ALL supporting documentation to DCSS for evaluation.



The Key to success is ensuring that you provide all of the information and supporting documentation

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## Waiver of Non-Assigned Arrears Project

Riverside County

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- Joint project with FLFO and Superior Court
- IRMO Sabine (2007)
  - (2007) 153 Cal.App. 4th 1203
  - principal question: whether the parties could lawfully forgive arrears-overdue child support- where the husband agreed to pay only a portion of what he owed.
  - Court's decision: such an agreement is unenforceable where it does not resolve any bona fide disputes between the parties and is offered on a take-it-or-leave-it basis.

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- DCSS's role:
  - Provide the parties with all the relevant information: time period, total arrears amount, breakdown of interest and principal;
  - Enforce the parties' agreement/court order re arrears.

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- FLF's role:
  - Assist the parties with filing a Request for Order (RFO) regarding agreement on waiver of non-assigned arrears
  - Assist the parties to prepare any proposed agreement as an attachment to the RFO
  - Assist the parties to prepare Order After Hearing if necessary

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- Clerk office's role:
  - set hearing for RFO
- Judicial Officer's role:
  - Hear merits of the RFO;
  - Judicial determination of the arrears amount owed
  - Approve the parties' agreement/settlement

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- Advantages:
  - Resolve the issue of "bona fide dispute" regarding arrears
    - Filing an RFO is deemed as a dispute on the arrears amount (no Sabine problem)
  - Any agreement/settlement will be on the record and become effective after the hearing/court's decision;
  - Ensure the integrity of the agreement (i.e. no argument re duress, uninformed decision, threats, etc.)
  - Collaborative efforts between DCSS, FLFO and the Court.

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- Disadvantage:
  - Take a longer time for the settlement/agreement to be approved since the parties have to wait for a hearing on the RFO.

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