

NOTICE OF COOPERATION AND GOOD CAUSE

To be eligible for the Child Care Subsidy Program, you are required by law to cooperate in establishing paternity and/or collecting child support to which you or your child may be entitled.

WHAT IS MEANT BY COOPERATION?

- Providing information about the identity of the father of any child applying for/receiving assistance or identifying all individuals with whom the mother had sexual intercourse who may be the father.
- Providing other information or documentary evidence, as requested, to help establish legal paternity of a child born out of wedlock or locate an absent legal parent.
- Appearing at a local Department of Social Services office, a Division of Child Support Enforcement (DCSE) office, Court, or other hearing, or proceeding as requested.
- Helping establish paternity by keeping scheduled appointments for genetic testing.
- Helping obtain child support or any other money or property owed to you or a child receiving assistance.
- Providing verbal or written information, as requested, OR stating under penalty of perjury you have no knowledge of the information requested.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF COOPERATION?

Your cooperation could result in the following benefits:

- Locating an absent parent.
- Legally establishing paternity for a child.
- Obtaining child support.
- Obtaining rights to future social security, veteran's, or other government benefits, including medical support.

WHAT IS MEANT BY "GOOD CAUSE" FOR NOT COOPERATING?

If you believe that your cooperation would be harmful to you or your child, you may claim good cause for not cooperating. If you can provide evidence to support this claim, you may be excused from cooperating, and no attempt will be made to establish paternity or collect support.

WHAT IF YOU DO NOT COOPERATE AND GOOD CAUSE HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED?

You will be ineligible for Child Care Subsidy if you do not cooperate in establishing paternity.

WHAT IF YOU CHOOSE TO COOPERATE AND NOT CLAIM GOOD CAUSE?

You may go directly to the end of this notice, check (✓) the block indicating you do not wish to claim good cause and will cooperate with DCSE, and sign your name.

WHAT IF YOU WISH TO CLAIM GOOD CAUSE FOR NOT COOPERATING?

- You must identify the parent of any child applying for whom you are applying or receiving assistance or, identify all individuals with whom the mother had sexual intercourse who may be the father. After you provide this information, you may claim good cause for not cooperating at any time by telling your worker.
- You must then provide evidence that good cause exists within 20 days after claiming good cause.
- If you need help obtaining the necessary evidence, you may ask your worker for assistance.

WHAT IS GOOD CAUSE AND HOW DO YOU PROVE IT?

- Based on the information you provide and on investigation of your claim, your agency will determine if good cause exists.
- Good cause for not cooperating will be determined to exist only if:

