## What Can I Do if My Ex Won't Pay Child Support?

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What can you do if your ex owes you <u>child support</u> and won't pay it back? There are definitely options available to you.

Some things you might want to consider include:

- **Going to court to ask to have your ex's** *wages garnished*. This is well within Utah state law and ORS policy.
- Ask the court for a *motion of contempt* against your ex. If one is issued, the threat of jail time for contempt may be enough to get them to pay what they owe.
- **Request your attorney to** *file a motion with the court* on your behalf to demand your ex pay the child support. Your ex will have to come to court and explain their financial circumstances to the judge to avoid having a warrant issued for them.
- **Be proactive**. If your ex is refusing to pay, it is up to you to take action. You will need to go to court to ask for a demand for payment, or payment plan. First, your ex must be shown to be willfully not paying. This means the court must prove your ex knows about the obligation, is able to pay, and is willfully refusing to do so. If willfulness can be proven, your ex will be ordered to pay the arrearage, either all at once or on a payment plan, or face jail time.

Experienced back child support attorney David Pedrazas can help you take the steps that are needed in order to get the child support you are owed.

### Frequently Asked Questions About Exes Not Paying Back Child Support

# Is it Legal for Me to Deny My Ex Visitation with the Children if He Won't Pay Child Support?

No. Though it is illegal for your ex to refuse to pay child support in most cases (there are a few exceptions, which we will discuss), it is not legal for you to violate a visitation order if he does not pay. These are two separate issues, and **you must uphold the visitation** *agreement regardless of whether or not he is paying, or you could be held in contempt of court*. If your ex isn't paying, take him to court to see if he can be forced to, but under no circumstances deny him <u>visitation</u>.

#### If My Ex Moved Out of State, is He Still Required to Pay Child Support?

Can I Still Get Child Support if the Father Doesn't Work?

Who Pays Child Support if the Father is in Jail?

Can the Court Order My Ex to Pay Past-Due Support?

Can My Child Support "Arrears" Be Discharged if I File for Bankruptcy?

How to Report Someone Not Paying Child Support?

What Happens if Child Support Is Not Paid?

Can Parents Agree to No Child Support?

How Far Behind in Child Support Before a Warrant Is Issued?

### **Contact Family Law Attorney David Pedrazas Today**

Do you need help collecting child support arrears from your ex? Contact the <u>Law Office of</u> <u>David Pedrazas</u> in Salt Lake City, Utah. David Pedrazas has more than fifteen years of experience in <u>family law</u> and has handled hundreds of cases just like yours. He knows what to do to give you the best chance of getting your ex to pay you the money your ex owes you.

<u>Contact the law office of David Pedrazas</u> today for a legal case review, and get your ex to pay.