


Hey you mob – need help with child support?

If you are Aboriginal or Torres
Strait Islander, the Child Support
Service can help you



**HERE'S
WHAT
YOU DO**

Legal Aid
NEW SOUTH WALES



The Legal Aid NSW Child Support Service gives you free, independent advice. We are not part of Centrelink or Services Australia and we will not give your information to anyone without your permission.

Can I get help?


We can help:

- parents who have to pay child support;
- parents who need to get child support for their kids; and
- people looking after kids who are not their own because of a family court order or informal arrangement (for example grandparents, aunts or uncles of a child).

What can I get help with?

- proof of parentage so you can get child support from your child's father;
- getting a higher rate of Family Tax Benefit from Centrelink if you are afraid to apply for child support or you can't identify or locate your child's father;
- any issues related to child support, including assessments and agreements; or
- court proceedings about child support legal issues.

In some cases we can help you to chase up your case with Services Australia or by writing to the other parent.



Representation in a tribunal or a court

Sometimes if you need more help, one of our lawyers can represent you in a family court or the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. To get this help you must fill in an application form for a 'grant of legal aid'. You can get the application form from our website, from Legal Aid NSW offices, or from duty lawyers at local courts. Our staff can help you fill out the form.

The form will ask you about your personal and financial situation. Legal Aid NSW will look at your case and let you know if a lawyer will represent you.

If we are already helping the other party in your legal case we will help you to find a private lawyer.

Remember, we are completely confidential.

Call us and make an appointment

Please call us to make an appointment on:
02 9633 9916 (Sydney and metropolitan areas).
1800 451 784 (outside Sydney).

Child Support Service

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Email: admin.css@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

The Legal Aid NSW Child Support Service runs telephone advice clinics at set times every weekday (Monday to Friday).

Legal Aid NSW also has Aboriginal Field Officers to help you with money worries and family law. If you need to speak to an Aboriginal Field Officer, contact our Central Sydney Office on **02 9219 5000** or the Aboriginal Legal Service on **1800 733 233**.

This publication is a general guide to the law. You should not rely on it as legal advice, and we recommend that you talk to a lawyer about your situation.

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