

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PARENTAL OBLIGATION

I am a parent of: Child's Name: _____ D.O.B.: _____
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Under Kansas law, while my child is in foster care, I must meet my child's financial and medical needs according to my ability to pay. I have this duty as long as my child is in foster care. My support payments and insurance benefits will help repay the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) for expenses they have paid for my child.

If I already pay support for my child, I understand that I must continue making those payments. They will send them to DCF.

If I receive benefits for my child such as insurance coverage, social security or veterans benefits, I must turn these over to DCF.

If there is no court order for current support, the Child Support Services Program (CSS) will contact me for additional information and may ask the court to establish one using the Kansas Child Support Guidelines. These guidelines consider, among other things, my income and family size.

If I do not cooperate with CSS to establish this current support order, one may be set up without my input. The court could also order me to repay 100% of the cost of my child's care.

If I do not pay my support, CSS can use any available legal action to collect it. That could include using income withholding or garnishment on my wages, taking my federal and state tax returns, or keeping part of my unemployment insurance compensation. If you have questions concerning this legal obligation, you should consult with an attorney of your choosing.

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

DCF STAFF STATEMENT: Where one or both parents has not signed above. (Check the items below that apply)

1) **Date:** _____

☐ I gave a copy of this to: _____ who refused to sign it.

2) **Date:** _____

☐ I mailed a copy of this to (Give complete address): _____

DCF Staff Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Distribution: 1) Parent(s); 2) Child's Case Record; 3) CSS Local Office

