

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE SAFE

CHILD SUPPORT INFORMATION for DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS

WE CARE ABOUT YOUR SAFETY

If you have been hurt or threatened by a partner or ex-partner, please talk to your child support worker about it. While you are not required to report such abuse to us, we may be able to help you access child support services more safely and learn about other community services.

If you are applying for and receiving TANF (welfare) benefits, you may be exempt from cooperating with child support enforcement if that would place you or your children at risk of physical or emotional harm. This is called “good cause.”

There are other steps we can take once we know what specific safety risks you and your children face. If you are concerned about an abusive partner finding you, your child support worker can take steps to keep your current location from being disclosed. For example, your caseworker can “flag” your information with a “Family Violence Indicator.” Other safety measures can be taken to help protect your safety at the child support office and on hearing dates. We can also connect you to services and supports that might be helpful.

The information you share with us will be confidential.

FOR SAFETY PLANNING INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

- Local domestic violence hotline:
- National Domestic Violence Hotline
800-799-SAFE (7233) or www.thehotline.org

TO CONTACT YOUR LOCAL CHILD SUPPORT OFFICE

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