



Tell us about you.

I am Carolyn Eason. I started as a Co. I with the ADC in 1998 at the Maximum Security Unit (Max) at Tucker. During my 13 years at the Max I was promoted to Sergeant, obtain my Associate and Bachelors Degree. I left the Max to joined the team at Varner Unit. At Varner I was promoted to Lieutenant. I left security at Varner to join the Treatment team at Ester Unit. At Ester I was involved in Preparing for Success which changed to Think Legacy.

What is your role in Think Legacy here at Varner?

Varner is definitely different from other units. It presents its own set of challenges. My role for the participants of Think Legacy is to assist those that

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Office of Child Support Enforcement

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Background

Congress established the Child Support Enforcement Program in 1975 under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act to collect child support. The program's goal is to ensure that all children are supported financially by both parents and to reduce the number of children receiving public assistance.

Structure of Child Support In Arkansas

The responsibility for implementation of the Child Sup-

port (IV-D) program is shared by federal and state agencies. The federal agency responsible for child support enforcement is the Office of Child Support Enforcement which is located in the Department of Health and Human Services. It establishes standards for state programs. In Arkansas, the program is administered by the Department of Finance and Administration, Revenue Division, Office of Child Support En-

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Meet Maurice Kirkland

Tell us about you.

I am from San Diego California. I am an ex-gang banger. I was running from the situations and circumstances which that type of life brings. That's how I ended up in Arkansas. I am a repeat offender whose crime spree started when I was young. I've been incarcerated most my life. I was the wrong crowd that people are warned of. Some know what I'm talking about when I say *"that one minute you could be having a great time and then one bad decision will ruin everything."* That has transpired in my life to many times. I am still dealing with the consequences of some of those decisions even though that was years ago. I've had jobs mostly in restaurants, nothing I was really interested in keeping or maintaining. Jobs didn't bring in enough money for the lifestyle that I lived.

My advice to minors and those that are trapped in the maze of confusion that I was in is to slow down first, then come to a complete stop and think. Think about the cost that's required for the decisions you are about to make. I know it's hard to do when you're caught up in the moment, that's why you have to practice slowing down then stopping. That way when you find yourself in those challenging situations you are ready to think about the cost that you are going to be required to pay for your actions.

What has Think Legacy really helped you with?

One of the most important factors of this program is the impulsive behavior I see. I see it in the youth as well as those that are not so young. We all have that common thread, so to speak. We want what we want and we want it now. In the past I haven't respected anything or anyone in obtaining what I want. Living life



on life terms in such a manner is what has kept me coming back to prison. The program has helped me develop patience. Patience enables me to slow down, stop and think. Another contributing factor to my transformation is my family. They've help me to change. It is hard listening to my grandchildren asking questions about when pa-pa coming home. My daughter looks up to me in so many ways. My lifestyle has affected her. Now she thinks that's the way to live. Yes, she's trying to live the life of a banger. I am the middle son of 5 brothers. I know the affect family influence can have on the mind. My childhood passion was to join the military and to allow that to be my spring board for success.

What are some your goals for the future?

I want to spend time with my grandkids, to be there for them, to educate them in a manner that ensures that they don't travel the road that so many of my family members are traveling right now. To keep them safe and out of harm's way.

I have learned that I have influence in areas and ways that I never really realized. I intend to apply my leadership

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skills not only with my family but with the youth that I come into contact with in my everyday life. I want to be that one to pull them in. Now I know and understand that I don't have to be where you're from to give good guidance and advice. I don't have to be where you're from to encourage you to be the best person you can be. For some reason the definition of real is something that is sadly misunderstood.

As of this writing you have been in the program for over 750 days, why so long?

As you know, I was granted parole over two years ago. Because of my past behavior, I don't have a place to parole to. I've tried several places only to have the doors slammed in my face. While in the program I've learned leadership skills that allow me to deal with life and life's real problems sensibly. It's no one's fault but my own. I do understand that and respect that. While I've learned to be content with so many things, I can never be content with prison life. I am ready to go home, to be around my family and loved ones. Helping others deal with their problem while in the program has helped me accept so many things. In life I've learned that I have to be the change that others want for themselves. That way they see what it's really like to be a transformed man. I'm not saying I'm perfect and I still have a lot of work to do. I can say that the changes I've made will enable me to remain free once I do get there.

Do you have any words of wisdom for those that are reading your story?

Don't allow someone's negativity to stop your growing.

Words of Encouragement From Elbert "EJ" Crawford



I would like to ask the Think Legacy community a question. *Do you possess the ability to govern yourself without the aid and assistance of worldly systems?* Have you even attempted to tap into your natural attributes that you possess internally? You are only limited by yourself and your ability to properly govern yourself. The truth of that statement lies in the fact that man was created to lead in this world, nothing on this earth bypasses man. In order for a man to implement a sufficient self government he must first come to the realization that his ability to govern and rule come from what's in him. What's your content like? What's at your core? Don't answer that out loud. Just pay attention to your thoughts and reflections and there is your answer.

Think Legacy has help me see the importance of relationships between people, relationships are beneficial on a number of levels. However, the natural process at interdependence is surpassed by my ability to get better acquainted with the things that govern my thoughts. To better understand this coupled with my duties and obligation to self makes life less strenuous.

Just think, the germination process of a seed plays a very important role in a man/woman self government. Because just like

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Food For Thought

SELF CONTROL

Control What you say

Discuss how your words and what you say can affect your life. The second most deadly instrument of destruction is the gun. The first is the human tongue. The gun merely kills bodies; the tongue kills reputations and ruins character. Each gun works alone – each loaded tongue has a hundred accomplices. The havoc of the gun is visible at once – the full evil of the tongue lives through all the years. Even the eye of eternity might grow tired in tracing it to its finality. The crimes of the tongue are words of unkindness, of anger, of malice, of envy and bitterness, of harsh criticism, gossip, lying and scandal. Theft and murder are awful crimes but do not come close to the sorrow cause by the tongue at the hands of thief and murder few of us suffer, even indirectly. But from the careless words of a friend or the cruel words of an enemy no one is safe. No one can live a life so true, so fair, or pure as to be beyond the reach of malice or immune from poisonous emanations of envy. The assault on one's reputation, vulgar innuendos, slurs, half lies, by which jealous mediocrity seeks to ruin its superiors are like insect parasites that kill the heart of the mighty oak tree. So cowardly is the method, so stealthy the shooting of the poison arrows, so insignificant the separate acts seem that no one is on guard against them. Scandal is one of the crimes of the words people speak, but only one. Every individual who breaths a word of scandal is instantly punished by nature, his mind's eye dimmed and his mind deadened to sunlight. Because of the crimes of words there are pillows stained by tears, noble and pure hearts broken in silence, best friends alone and lonely with hope dead and painful memories, there are cruel misunderstandings that make life look dark and these are only a few of the crime of ill spoken words. The man who stands above his peers must expect to be the target of the envious arrows of slander. It is the price he must pay for his advance of integrity, dignity and nobility. But do not be discouraged, do what you know to be right and make every possible effort to be a king and control your tongue.



Food For Thought
By
James Branson



**SHATTERED BUT
NOT BROKEN**

by
Jerry Lee Ibison

The Cross Represents "Our" life line.

**Though It's a Little Rough & Weathered We're Still
Standing, Refusing To Be Defeated.**

**The Skull Indicates "Our" Struggles, Addictions &
Demons.**

**The Many Sorrowful Faces Are The One's We've
Hurt Directly or Indirectly.**

**Finally The Wing Gives "Us" The Hope & Drive For
a Brighter Future.**

**Jerry Ibison
"IZ"**



Guest

1. Tell us a little about you.

I am a recovering addict who started in the treatment field before coming to the ADC. I started working at Delta Regional Unit 27 years ago. I have worked as a Substance Abuse Treatment Program Counselor during that whole time at 6 different units.

2. Doing that many years in the treatment setting, what is something that stands out to you?

Drug addiction is a day to day struggle. I watch these men dealing with their struggle which causes them to come in and out of prison.

3. Why do you go to Think Legacy?

The department heads are required to support the program. I go to support the program and the structure of the program. I also go for the participants. Maybe I can share some of my life experiences and save a life. Knowledge about drugs, alcohol and their negative effects



Mr. Collins Teaching Lessons On Responsibility In Think Legacy



Spotlight

is something that I am always willing to share.

4. On a scale of 1 to 10, 10 being the best, how effective do you think you are with your Information?

To those that really want to change, I believe that I am 9^{1/2} effective. Like the old saying goes, *“when the teacher shows up the student will arise.”* Now keep in mind that every inmate in the program is not a student.

5. How can Think Legacy improve?

I think that to improve Think Legacy is a two way street. One, the department heads has to be consistent in going to the program. Second, the participants have to respect and follow the outlined structure.

6. What would you like to tell the Think Legacy audience or participants?

Every incarcerated person wants to be free. I would like to take this opportunity to remind those desiring to be free that the “F” in freedom stands for *“Focus.”* You must focus on the positive things, that’s the key to freedom.





Participant of The Month

Tell us a little about yourself, where are you from, how long incarcerated, married, children, education level, hopes, dreams, etc.

I'm from all over Arkansas. I have 5 kids. I'm ex-military. I'm still young so I can still do big things in life.

Why did you join Think Legacy?

Because it's my 3rd time in prison, so I obviously have a problem that I need to fix. I joined the program for a better mind set, one that will enable me to have success upon release.

How has Think Legacy benefited you so far?

It's allowed me to get my priorities in order as well as a relationship with my kids.

What are some of the good things you see from Think Legacy?

I see positive people striving to make sense of a challenging situation, the information is good, and its reported that we have favorable parole board considerations. I always see opportunities to be a leader here in the program.

The bad comes in with the people that seemingly try to undermine the programs structure.

What's the most insightful piece of information that your taking with you from Think Legacy, information that you know you're going to benefit from once free?

The \$980 from the social security office.
© Think Legacy has given me a great mind set one that has my heart in a very sound place.



Zackery Benson, Think Legacy's Participant of the Month of March

What do you think others should consider before joining Think Legacy?

They should ask themselves if they are willing to follow simple rules and if they are seriously ready to stay out of prison.

How can Think Legacy improve?

I feel like the Varner Unit Think Legacy is looked down on or thought of as being less than other units, but that's not true and I feel as if we have lost opportunities because of that.

Words of Wisdom.

Don't be so worried about other people and things to the extent that you forget to worry about yourself.



Ms. Eason (from page 1)

are re-entering society to start applying the information that they receive in their everyday life right now. I do believe that when one practices the right thing they will receive right results. So, I try to be that encourager, motivator and facilitator to and for the Participants of Think Legacy.

How is the program functioning so far?

I think the program is coming along exceptionally well, considering the circumstances. It is truly a benefit to the participants and myself. As they face different challenges, I too face challenges in getting the information that's needed, properly presenting it and ensuring that they put some of the information into practice now.

What areas still need improvement?

We are in need of so much. For starters we need Good Grid. It's a tool that is very beneficial to these men. We are in constant need of supplies. Whether its journals for the men to write their responses to the information presented or log feelings that they are experienc-



Ms. Eason with Think Legacy Participants

ing as they advance through the program. We are definitely in need of outside help. We need more free-world speakers to engage these men in responsible living. We need incentives that would encourage these men in right living so they can experience the benefits and rewards of right decision making.

What areas are you most proud of?

I am proud of the inmates in general, the ones who receive the information and put the principles into practice. I am proud of the ones that step up to assist team leaders in making Varner Think Legacy what it is. I am proud of the new books, which gives more depth to their learning. We can test for progress. I am also proud of the Video's that's provided. To see them watch Communication or job readiness skills and practice those skill throughout the program, at various intervals, is uplifting.

What benefits does Think Legacy Provide its participants?

Most importantly, I do believe that Think Legacy reduces recidivism by promoting good social skills, job readiness skills, awareness of community resources, and connection to free world mentors that will aid them in achieving successful re-entry into communities across Arkansas.

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From Left, Ms. Frazier, Ms. Smart, Ms. Jones, and Ms. Eason

New To OCSE (from page 1)

During my tenure with the ADC I have seen men broken and without hope, not knowing which way to go. They know that something is wrong, but are afraid to communicate their need for help. Think Legacy provides them with great communication skills and tools to describe their situation and to be prepared for situations and circumstances that may present favorable advantages that keeps them from re-offending.

We've covered a lot, is there anything else you would like to say?

I would just like to convey that I love the program itself. I've learned so much myself while dealing with these men as they struggle with so much. It is a constant learning experience. I've learned a lot from Steven George. The fact that there are jobs that these men can obtain once released. It gives them hope, they know employment is obtainable. I would like to encourage them to continue to apply themselves and the information. And no matter what complete the program. This is a chance and the time to do something for them.

Thought of The Day

Commitment – The act of blinding yourself to a course of action.

Commitment – Is staying true to what you said you would do lone after the mood you said it in has left.

Commitment – What would your life be like if you decided to keep your commitment?

forcement (OCSE).

What Services are Available?

OCSE provides two types of services:

Enforcement services - Custodial parties must apply for these services or be referred by the Department of Human Services. OCSE will locate the noncustodial parent in order to provide services; establish paternity, if needed; establish a court order for child and medical support; and then assist you to collect the support owed to you.

Payment processing services – These services are provided for cases that are handled privately. In these cases OCSE does not have a role in establishing or enforcing child support and includes cases where a custodial party has closed the enforcement case. The Arkansas Child Support Clearinghouse receives, records, and sends payments to the custodial party. OCSE does not automatically receive court orders for private child support cases. The custodial party, non-custodial parent, or either party's representative must provide the Clearinghouse with a copy of a file-marked copy of a current order to establish this type of case.

Who can get help?

Enforcement services are available if . . .

You are the parent, legal guardian, or caretaker of a child under 18 years of age who lives with you.

Unpaid child support is owed to you, the child is over the age of 18, and the amount to be recovered is based on a court order. If the child is over the age of 23 and there is not a judgment entered setting out the total amount of unpaid support owed, enforcement may be limited bases on the circumstances of the case.

Custodial parties who need assistance to establish paternity or establish or enforce medical or child support, may apply for enforcement services. Certain fees will be assessed in these cases.



Varner Think Legacy has seen the effects of Act 539 of 2017. The Act has given a new perspective to those incarcerated and affected by its enactment, one of which is Charles Smith, who share his experience as he's preparing to enter society after serving twenty plus years.

Tell us a little about yourself, where are you from, how long incarcerated, married, children, education level.

My name is Charles Smith, I'm from Little Rock, AR. I'm currently serving a life sentence that I received for 1st degree murder & aggravated robbery when I was 17 yrs old. I come from a single parent household with my mother and two younger brothers. I am a father to one, a dad to five, and a grandfather to three.

Recent events concerning juveniles has given you a second chance on life, tell us about that.

In 2012 the United States Supreme Court ruled mandatory life sentences were unconstitutional for juveniles giving me and others in my situation hope at a second chance at life beyond these fences, which for some has already become a reality. The main thing that I hope that others learn from my situation is that **anything** is possible even when you don't know how or when it will happen.

What does Think Legacy have to do with this?

Being in Think Legacy has benefited me so much because it has not only provided me with good information, but great resources such as finances (Mr. David George), SSI information, Child Support information,



Charles Smith

among others.

I strongly suggest Think Legacy to those that are going back to society. Take it if for no other reason because of the resources that it can provide you with. That is the best thing about this program.

The only drawback that I see is there isn't enough outside support staff that comes in. But even with what there is more than enough information that's given and taught to help prepare us for freedom.

Words of Wisdom

Life is not about what happens to you, but about what you do with what happens to you!!!



Participant Jeremiah Holland is another inmate that has been locked up since his early teen. He is experiencing the blessing and benefits of Act 539 of 2017 as he prepares to enter society after 20 plus years.

Tell us a little about yourself, where are you from, how long incarcerated, married, children, education level.

I was born in Indianapolis, IN. I hail from Crown Hill up on Meridian Ave. My mother was a single parent who did her best to provide and keep me focused. As with all single parent households in lower income areas that was an uphill battle. After my mother passed away I was shuffled around from state – to – state until my path led me to Arkansas. At 16 years old, in the 9th grade, no parents, no children, no direction in life I allowed a one minute burst of anger/rage change the course of my life forever. Literally = I was sentenced to life in prison.

Recent events concerning juveniles has given you a second chance on life, tell us about that.

In the State of Arkansas ‘life’ is life. They fully intend on you dying in prison. Recently, when the United States Supreme Court forced states to change sentencing guidelines, the State of Arkansas fought that change until the end. Gratefully, sentencing changed. The law changed. Now, some of us who were previously condemned to die in prison will have an opportunity to build our lives, to be around those who love us and be allowed to move forward with our lives.

What are some of your hopes, dreams, goals, ect.

Now that circumstances have changed my goals and aspirations have expanded. It’s no longer about what’s going on inside of these prison walls. Now it’s about getting married to my fiancé. Starting a food truck business. Providing for my family in a way that I’ve never been able to do before.

What are some of your greatest fears and challenges upon release?



Jeremiah Holland

I think my greatest fear in that process in associating with someone that’s involved in something I don’t know about and getting caught up.

What does Think Legacy have to do with this?

Think Legacy is giving me tons of information that was unknown to me. Information about seemingly mundane issues that are new to me because I’ve been in prison for so long. The program is filling the holes in my dreams with the information necessary to give me a hand up! The best things about Think Legacy is the valuable information and the positive environment. For those that are ready for it Think Legacy is a step out of the doors of prison. The worst thing about Think Legacy is the program creates a false reality. Like prison. The rules enforce an environment where all decisions are made for you. Meals, showers, sleep, classes, etc. Everything is laid out for you and, in my opinion that takes away a person’s “decision making skills”. Ultimately, it’s those decisions that will determine our path so crippling (or handicapping) a person’s “decision making skills” is counterproductive.

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a seed planted in the soil of the earth, it germinates and reaches a final stage of development. It is the same in the mental arena of existence, the seeds implanted in the fertile soil of the human mind blossoms into deeds and actions, naturally forming and implementing one's self government. When those seeds prove themselves to be destructive we have the natural right to abolish them, to replace those bad seeds with good ones that produce positive results and right living, thus re-directing one's path to success.

I would like to encourage you to get in tune with your system of government and those thoughts

Meet The Mentors of Varner's Think Legacy



From left, Kirkland, Branson, Holland (In the



A Word From ANDRE "Dre" SCAIFE

A thought is something you say to yourself in side your mind . . .

Our thought process ultimately reflects in our character because we act out the very thinking or thoughts we possess.

If . . . I change the (negative) way I think this will change the way I behave or act. The questions remains,

At what point in life do I say enough is enough? Is it when I lose the very thing or things that's closest to me?

Or

Is it when I hit rock bottom?

Today is the day that a true gift is given to us to become the best we can be to ourselves/ others.

I challenge everyone holistically (wholly or universally) to stop thinking the thoughts of manipulation, conning, deceit and defiance and have the thoughts of a king, leader and the man you were created to be. Be that mature responsible being, that one who's willing to invest in yourself, be that one willing to sow fruitful seeds with purpose. Be grateful and stand back watching the growth in the area(s) that you not only speak to existence. Live it out, walk it out in a manner that shows a positive legacy left behind . . .

ARKANSAS OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

By Nancy Mathieson, Program Specialist, OCSE Region X

It is the responsibility of both parents to make sure the basic needs of their children are met. Even so, some children do not get the support they need. The purpose of the Arkansas Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) is to help ensure children have their financial and health care needs met.

There are three parties in every child support case. The custodial party is the parent or physical custodian who lives with the child and has the day-to-day responsibilities of raising that child; the noncustodial parent does not live with the child but, along with the custodial party, has a responsibility to provide financial and/or medical support. Finally, there are the children of the parties. These children deserve to have the financial and emotional support of both parties.

WHAT IS OCSE'S ROLE IN CHILD SUPPORT?

OCSE is responsible for the delivery of child support services under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act. Among other things, OCSE helps establish paternity, collects and distributes child support payments to custodial parties, and enforces unpaid child and medical support.

Some may think that OCSE is "out to get" noncustodial parents and that all noncustodial parents are "bad parents" or "deadbeats." The responsibility of OCSE is to enforce court orders for child and medical support. While it's true that some parents don't provide for their children, most parents truly care and want what's best for them.

The best way for you to not feel like OCSE is "after you" is to be an active participant in your case by staying in contact with us and keeping us informed about you; where you work, where you live, changes in contact information, changes in income.

HOW CAN YOU BUILD YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE?

By providing child and medical support, you are being a positive example in your child's life. You are:

- * Helping to ensure that your child's day-to-day needs are met.
- * Strengthening your relationship with your child and showing that child a parent's pride and dignity.
- * Expressing love for your child's life by showing that you are responsible and that you care about him or her.
- * Helping your child by providing for medical needs.
- * Building your child's self-esteem and helping him or her to become an asset to the community.

CUSTODY AND VISITATION

You are responsible to comply with the court order even though you feel the other party is not doing what he or she has been ordered to do, even though you may be having difficulties getting to see your child or if your child begins to live with you. You are responsible for doing what the court orders you to do until a new court order says otherwise.

PLEASE NOTE:

OCSE has no authority to assist you or the custodial party with any custody or visitation issues. You may need to contact a private attorney to address these issues. If you and the custodial party are willing to work together, mediation services are also available through the Access and Visitation Mediation Program administered by the Arkansas Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). Contact AOC directly at (501) 682-9400 for more information on mediation services.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT CHILD SUPPORT

- * OCSE caseworkers and attorneys represent the State's interest in a child support case. OCSE does not represent either custodial parties or noncustodial parents.



Representative of OCSE Speak to Think Legacy Participants



OCSE Representative speaking to participants of Think Legacy



Child Support Enforcement (from page 14)

- * If your paternity or child support case goes to court, it will be decided without your input if you fail to file an answer to a complaint and summons or other legal pleadings or fail to appear for a hearing if put on notice to do so.
- * You should completely read what you are signing and keep all documents for your records. Once you sign something, you have agreed to it. If you do not agree with what you are asked to sign, you may wish to consider consulting with a private attorney.
- * Know that avoiding child support enforcement is likely to make your situation worse.
- * You have the right to request a review of your child support order once every three years. However, you may request a review sooner if there is an increase or decrease of your income by \$100 monthly or 20% through no fault of your own.

Please Note: Regardless of the circumstances (job loss, reduction in your hours, etc.), you are still responsible to pay the court ordered child support amount until a different court order is entered.

Should your child begin to live with you, you are still responsible to pay the court-ordered child and/or medical support amount until the court orders otherwise. OCSE does not have the authority to go to court to stop child support payments. Notify OCSE immediately should you obtain legal custody.

If you disagree with an action made by a child support caseworker, you have the right to ask for a review of the action from the office manager.

You have the right to employ an attorney to represent you. If you choose to have an attorney, OCSE will then communicate only with your attorney.

Any amount you pay over the court ordered child support each month will go towards paying off arrears (past due child support) or fees, if applicable.

ISSUES THAT MAY AFFECT YOUR CHILD SUPPORT

There are things that may occur that could increase, decrease, or stop your child support obligation, depending on what your court order says. Some examples are:



Think Legacy Participant listening to the presentation of OCSE



Representative of OCSE Speak to Think Legacy Participants

Summer visitation – Your court order may allow for an extended summer visitation. In some instances, the order may allow the support payments to be suspended or decreased during those visitation periods. Please carefully review your court order, since it will be necessary for you to notify OCSE so that you receive proper credit for that time period.

Review and adjustment of the court order – Each party may request a review of the support order once every three years. Reviews are conducted in accordance with the Arkansas Child Support Guidelines. Support obligations could be adjusted up or down or could remain the same.

Age of emancipation – The age of emancipation in Arkansas is 18. Unless a court order for child support specifically states otherwise, your duty to pay child support for a child will automatically end when the child turns 18 or otherwise emancipates under state law; however, if the child is still attending high school, child support continues until the child graduates or at the end of the school year after the child reaches 19 years of age, whichever is earlier. As each child in the support order emancipates, you may be entitled to an adjustment in support for the remaining minor



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children. Please contact OCSE six months prior to the child's 18th birthday. **NOTE:** If there are any unpaid child support arrears when all children have emancipated, your payments will continue until the arrears are paid in full. **Interest charged on unpaid child support** – State law allows for interest at the rate of 10% to accrue on unpaid child support. Interest will be added to your arrears if the custodial party or another state child support agency involved in your case requests that OCSE collect interest.

ESTABLISHING PATERNITY

Establishing paternity is the legal term for determining the father of a child. You may hear the term "putative father." A putative father is a person alleged to be the father of a child born out of wedlock but who has not yet been established to be the child's legal father.

If you were married to the mother of your child at the time of birth or if your name is on the birth certificate, you are generally presumed to be the father. However, if you were not married to the mother of your child and your name is not on the birth certificate, you can legally establish that you are the father in one of two ways:

- If you're sure you are the father of the child and the mother agrees, you may both sign a Voluntary Acknowledgment of Paternity. OCSE can assist you in doing this.
- If you aren't quite sure you're the father of the child, you may wish to ask for a genetic test. OCSE can assist you if the mother has asked for OCSE services. Otherwise, you may need to seek the advice of an attorney.

What happens if you were married at the time the child was born, you signed an Acknowledgement of Paternity, or there is a court order finding you to be the father but you later feel the child is not yours? OCSE does not have the authority in such matters, but a noncustodial parent may ask the court for genetic testing if paternity and support were established without testing. This may require the assistance of an attorney.

AN OVERVIEW OF THE LEGAL PROCESS

If you already have a court order, OCSE, will enforce that order. If you don't have an order for child support, OCSE will work to establish a court order. This is a very basic overview of the process to establish child support:

1. OCSE files a Complaint with the court.
2. OCSE has the noncustodial parent served with a Complaint and Summons.
3. The noncustodial parent has 30 days to respond to the Summons.
 - a. If the noncustodial parent responds to the Summons by filing an Answer with the circuit clerk of the county in which the Complaint was filed, then his or her information is considered in court.
 - b. If the noncustodial parent does not respond to the Summons by filing an Answer, then a default judgment occurs and the order goes before the judge. There may or may not be a court date, depending on the court's practice in that area.
4. The custodial party and noncustodial parent submit Affidavits of Financial Means.
5. If OCSE and the noncustodial parent agree on the terms of the order for support, the case is settled out of court, otherwise, a date to appear in court is set.
6. The court sets the child support amount and issues the order.



Think Legacy's participants taking notes during OCSE presentation



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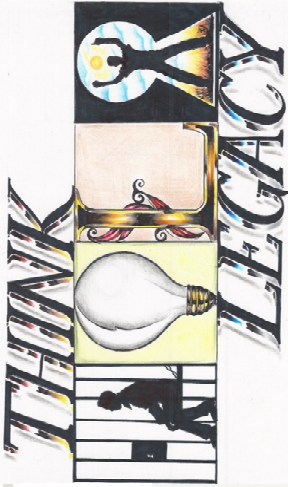
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