

**WE MAY BE ABLE TO  
HELP!**

If you have lost employment-related income due to the economic recession, please contact our **Recession Response Team** for more information.

**Call** from the Salem area:  
(503) 373-7300

**Call** toll-free in Oregon:  
(800) 850-0228

**Call** from outside Oregon:  
(503) 378-5567

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[RecessionResponseTeam@doj.state.or.us](mailto:RecessionResponseTeam@doj.state.or.us)



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DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT

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**DO YOU OWE MONTHLY  
CHILD SUPPORT?**

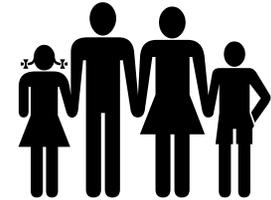
In response to current economic conditions in Oregon, the Child Support Program now offers a streamlined process for either parent to receive a temporary modification of current support.

It's called an "Employment-Related Modification" or "ERM".

If your case includes a current child support order, you may be eligible to request a temporary modification on monthly support amounts.

This does not apply to cases with  
arrear-only balances.

***More details inside!***



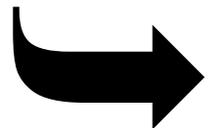
**YOU'RE OUT OF WORK...**

**WORKING FEWER  
HOURS...**

**AND YOU OWE CHILD  
SUPPORT...**

**WHAT DO YOU DO?**

***First of all, keep reading!***



## *We have answers....*

### **What is an Employment-Related Modification (ERM)?**

It is a temporary adjustment to your child support order. Either parent may request this adjustment, which is good for up to 6 months, if one or both parents to the order have suffered loss of income due to the recession.

### **General information about the ERM process:**

The RRT has a streamlined process for handling ERM requests, which includes contacting all parties to a case by phone, email, fax or as a walk-in customer.

Agreement by all parties involved is the fastest way to obtain a final order. DCS has partnered with the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) to hear disputed ERM's faster than normal. In most cases, an ERM should be final within 45 days.

### **How do I find out if I qualify?**

You may contact a member of the Recession Response Team as listed on the back of this brochure. If your case is handled by a local District Attorney, you may contact that office. Only Oregon child support cases are eligible for an ERM.

### **What happens if I go back to work after my temporary modification is in place?**

The previous order may be reinstated if your re-employment income meets certain criteria. If you have an ERM and you become re-employed, you are required to contact the office that entered your temporary order to review your circumstances and determine if the previous order should be reinstated.

### **What if I haven't found a job at the end of the six months?**

You may request that the temporary modification be renewed for an additional 6 months, with notice to the other parent.

### **Is there a fee for requesting an ERM?**

No, there is no cost to request or obtain an ERM.

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*As a reminder, Child Support Program staff are not able to provide legal advice. You may seek the advice of an attorney at any time.*

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### **Situations that require a traditional modification and not an ERM:**

- Non employment-related change of circumstances
- Permanent change in earnings potential
- Child custody change
- Adding a child to an existing child support order

Traditional modifications are worked by the assigned DCS or District Attorney office and often take months to complete. These traditional modifications remain in place until they are modified again or the support obligation ends. Because you may qualify for both types of modifications, you will be asked to decide which type of modification you want.

**Visit our website** for additional information and to review the updated online child support calculator.

**[www.oregonchildsupport.gov](http://www.oregonchildsupport.gov)**

*.....and child support professionals available statewide to help you with your case. Contact us today!*