## BENEFITS OF THE CHILD SUPPORT SPECIALTY COURT:

Participants in the Child Support Specialty Court receive structured help in gaining employment. Additionally, they are provided with a structured repayment plan designed to help them reduce their arrearage and get their child support case back on track. Successful participants will see their felony conviction reduced to a misdemeanor or dismissed outright, depending on the level of success.

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# CHILD SUPPORT SPECIALTY COURT

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



## WHAT IS THE CHILD SUPPORT SPECIALTY COURT?

The Child Support Specialty Court is a program designed to help individuals get back on track after they have been charged with a felony for failure to comply with a court ordered child support obligation. Participants will receive assistance getting back to work, along with a structured plan to get child support back on track. Compliance can result in a reduction of your charges, or an outright dismissal of your criminal case.

## MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the Child Support Specialty Court is to promote the well-being of children by supporting parents in meeting their child support obligations though a fair, compassionate, and solution-focused approach. We strive to remove barriers to compliance, connect families with needed resources, and foster accountability though collaboration, individualized support, and judicial oversight - ensuring that every child receives the financial support they deserve.

## INTERESTED IN THE CHILD SUPPORT SPECIALTY COURT?

If you believe you may be eligible for the Child Support Specialty Court and the benefits it provides, speak with your attorney to discuss options and the application process. Let us help you get your children the support they deserve.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be a Macomb County child support case
- Must be charged/convicted with Felony Non-Support
- Must have reliable transportation to get to and from work
- Must not be a violent offender

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

This program is designed to assist you with gaining compliance on child support arrearages. It will require dedication, commitment with repayment, and honesty. You will be placed on probation under M.C.L. 771.1 after pleading guilty to felony non-support. The program is currently a maximum of 12 months in duration; however, if you maintain employment and regular payments, you may be completed earlier. The probation period may be extended through changes under consideration by the Michigan Legislature.

While participating in the Child Support Specialty Court Program, you will need to notify the program coordinator and the probation agent if you change your phone number, email, or residency.

You will be expected to contact your probation agent if there is any form of police contact within 24 hours of such contact.

If at any point during participation, you have questions or need assistance, please contact the program coordinator at (586) 469-5229 or Christina.wohlfield@macombgov.org.

## PARTICIPATING PARTNERS:

Macomb County Prosecutor's Office

Macomb County Public Defender's Office

Macomb County Circuit Court

Michigan Works!

Macomb County Sheriff

Probation Department

Macomb County Friend of the Court

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