

Alaska Department of Revenue
Child Support Services Division Program Policy

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POLICY:

When parents switch custody, the Child Support Services Division (CSSD) will help the new custodial parent as much as possible. This may mean providing educational services about the need to change the custody order or helping the new custodial parent get a child support order changed based upon the new custody order. In order for CSSD to begin enforcing the changed order, the new custodial parent must fill out an application for services.

This policy applies only when a court issues a new custody order changing a prior custody arrangement. It does not apply when actual physical custody has changed and the court has not modified the custody order to reflect the change. This policy also does not apply to custody changes in intergovernmental cases, or to shared or divided custody arrangements.

DEFINITION:

Switched Custody: the term "switched custody" means cases in which one parent has primary physical custody of the child (either actual custody or by court custody order) and the other parent was ordered to pay a specific support amount for the child, and then a court subsequently issues a custody order awarding primary physical custody of the child to the obligor parent.