Child support is **money from one parent to another to help cover the costs of raising their child.** It ensures that a child's basic needs, such as food, housing, clothing, and other daily expenses, are met.

The amount is based on the wealth of the paying parent and the needs of the child.

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# What Is Child Support and How to Acquire It



## Who Is Child Support for?

Every child under 19 years old in New Brunswick has the right to receive child support, regardless of whether their parents were ever married. Children over 19 may still be eligible if they remain dependent due to education, illness, or disability.

While payments are made to the parent, child support is intended solely for the **benefit of the child.**

## How Is Child Support Calculated?

Child support amounts are generally calculated using the *Federal Child Support Guidelines*, which consider the paying parent's annual income and the number of children.

Courts may adjust amounts based on special circumstances, such as extraordinary expenses for medical care, education, or extracurricular activities. When both parents have at least 40% parenting time, child support is based on the Federal Guidelines, factoring in additional costs like housing and transportation. The amount is decided on a case-by-case basis.



## Who Pays Child Support?

Generally, the parent with minority parenting time (less than 40%) pays child support to the parent who has the child the majority of the time (60% or more). Parents are legally required to pay child support even if they are not actively involved in the child's life.

## How Is Child Support Paid?

Child support can be paid through:

- A recurring payment, monthly or otherwise; or
- A one-time, lump sum payment that may be held in trust.

## Can a Parent Be Stopped From Seeing Their Child if They Do Not Pay Child Support?

No, a parent's right to parenting time with their child is not connected to child support payments. These are separate issues.



## Resources

- **Public Legal Education and Information Service of New Brunswick**
  - *Family Law Information Line:* 1-888-236-2444
  - (506) 462-5193
  - pleisnb@web.ca
  - www.legalinfonb.ca
  - www.familylawnb.ca
- **Office of Support Enforcement**
  - justice.info@gnb.ca
- **Child Support Recalculation Service**
  - (506) 453-2234
  - *Toll-free:* 1-833-224-2225
  - recalc@gnb.ca

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