

# Important Information for Non-custodial Parents

You must bring a

**CHECK BOOK, CASH OR CREDIT CARD**

**to the conference!!!**

If at the conference you are ordered to pay support, *your liability begins with the day the custodial parent filed*. Typically, that means most non-custodial parents—unless they have been making voluntary payments—will owe a month or more of support at the time of the conference. *As soon as the order is entered, you will be liable for that back support.*

If you are a wage earner, an order will be sent to your employer to withhold support from your pay and forward it to the State Collection and Disbursement Unit. Because it often takes several pay cycles for the withholding to take effect, *you are required to make the payments to SCDU until you see the deductions from your pay.*

To assist you in meeting this responsibility, the Conference Officer will give you several temporary payment coupons pre-addressed to SCDU along with mailing envelopes. Come to the conference prepared to settle any arrears accumulated since the filing of the complaint, typically one month's support.

Failure to make payments on your own prior to the wage withholding taking effect has several unpleasant consequences. All arrears, including those accruing retroactive to the filing of the complaint for support, will be considered delinquent, triggering various automated enforcement remedies. You could be reported to the credit bureau, have your driver's or professional license revoked, your taxes intercepted, your bank account frozen, and be charged with contempt of court.

It is our intent to assist you in fulfilling your obligation to your children, and to avoid the unpleasantness of automated enforcement. For further detail, please visit our website at

[www.co.westmoreland.pa.us](http://www.co.westmoreland.pa.us)