

KENT COUNTY FOC NEWSLETTER

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Contact Us

- Our lobby
Monday—Friday
8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
- Call 616-632-6888
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8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
- Email FOC.Mail@kentcountymi.gov
- 2-way communication
www.michigan.gov/michildsupport
- Schedule an appointment
<https://kentcountyfoc.setmore.com/>
- 24/7 Case Access
www.michigan.gov/michildsupport
- Visit the website [Friend of the Court - Kent County, Michigan \(accesskent.com\)](http://FriendoftheCourt-KentCountyMichigan.accesskent.com)
- Mail: 82 Ionia NW, Suite 200, Grand Rapids, MI 49503.
- Drop box and payment box on 1st floor at 82 Ionia NW, Grand Rapids 49503.



PARENTING TIME RESOURCES

The Kent County Friend of the Court provides several parenting time services to families, and parents frequently have questions about parenting time especially around the holidays. Here are a few helpful resources for parents who have questions about parenting time:

- [Michigan Parenting Time Guideline](#)
- [Kent County Parenting Time Guideline and Parent Resource](#)
- [How to Start a Custody or Parenting Time Case](#)
- [How to File a Parenting Time Complaint](#)

Have parenting time questions? [Schedule an appointment](#) with a custody and parenting time specialist.

NEW! CHILD SUPPORT FORMULA CHANGES COMING 2025

A new child support formula will launch in Michigan in 2025. Here are a couple of the significant changes:

Ordinary Medical Expense (OME) decreases to \$200 per child annually (from \$454 per child):

Old Formula

Ordinary Medical Expense Averages		
Children	Annual	Monthly
1	\$454.00	\$37.83
2	\$908.00	\$75.67
3	\$1,362.00	\$113.50
4	\$1,816.00	\$151.33
5 or more	\$2,269.00	\$189.08

New Formula

Ordinary Medical Expense Averages		
Children	Annual	Monthly
1	\$200	\$16.67
2	\$400	\$33.33
3	\$600	\$50.00
4	\$800	\$66.67
5 or more	\$1,000	\$83.33

Child Care Expense ending date is presumed to end the last day of the month *in which* the child turns 13.

Have questions about how you are impacted by these changes? Schedule an appointment [here](#).

FORGIVENESS OF BIRTH EXPENSES IN 2025

In 2025, the State of Michigan will be forgiving existing child support arrears for birth expenses. These expenses are the child support obligations in place to cover the cost of a child's birth if that birth was covered by Medicaid. If you have eligible expenses, you will receive a letter in the mail. This forgiveness program does not eliminate any past due support owed to the other parent. Questions? Call us at **616-632-6888**.