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Graduation Season for Child Support?

Batavia, Ohio. As high schools across the area prepare for graduation ceremonies, Clermont County child support workers begin receiving calls asking if child support payments stop once a child graduates from high school, or when the child turns 18. Generally speaking, a support order terminates when a child turns 18 and is not attending an accredited school full-time, or when the child reaches 19, regardless of being enrolled in school. Sometimes, if a court deems a child is mentally and/or physically disabled, support can be awarded, regardless of the child's age. Support can also continue if the child goes on to college, but only if that agreement is part of the original Decree of Divorce or Dissolution.

The Clermont County Child Support Enforcement (CSE) division reminds families to make sure they have timely, accurate information about child support orders. In fact, the law mandates that custodial parents notify CSE when there is any reason child support should end. Parents or caretakers are encouraged to contact the agency with the status of their soon-to-be 18 year old child, prior to the date of emancipation, to ensure proper continuation or termination of a child support order.

For additional questions about child support, contact Clermont Child Support Enforcement at (513) 732-7248 or visit the Web site www.ClermontSupportsKids.org.

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