

Locations of Legal Aid Bureau Offices

Baltimore Offices

Baltimore City

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(800)999-8904
(800)458-5340 TTY

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606 Cherry Hill Road
Baltimore, MD 21225
(410)355-4223

Other Maryland Offices

Anne Arundel County

229 Hanover Street
Annapolis, MD 21401
(800)666-8330

Baltimore County

29 W. Susquehanna Ave.
Suite 305
Towson, MD 21204
(410)296-6705
(800)367-7563

Lower Eastern Shore

Wicomico, Dorchester, Worcester, Somerset
111 High Street
Salisbury, MD 21801
(800)444-4099

Metropolitan Maryland *Prince George's*

6811 Kenilworth Avenue
Calvert Bldg., Suite 500
Riverdale, MD 20737
(888)215-5316

Montgomery

14015 New Hampshire Ave.
Silver Spring, MD 20904
(301)879-8752

Howard

3451 Court House Dr, 2nd
Ellicott City, MD 21043
(410)480-1057

Midwestern Maryland

Frederick, Carroll & Washington
22 South Market Street, Suite 11
Frederick, MD 21701
(800)679-8813
(800)763-4152 TTY

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Northeastern Maryland

Harford, Cecil
5 North Main St, Suite 200
Bel Air, MD 21014
(800)444-9529

Southern Maryland

Charles, St. Mary's, Calvert
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Hughesville, MD 20637
(301)932-6661 Charles
(301)884-5935 St. Mary's
(410)535-3278 Calvert
(301)843-5850 D.C.

Upper Eastern Shore

Queen Anne's, Caroline, Kent, Talbot
Tred Avon Square, Suite 3
210 Marlboro Road
Easton, MD 21601
(800)477-2543

Western Maryland

Allegany, Garrett
110 Greene Street
Cumberland, MD 21502
(301)777-7474 Allegany
(301)334-8832 Garrett

Statewide

Nursing Home & Assisted Living Programs

(800)367-7563

Farm Worker Program

(800)444-4099

Maryland Senior Legal Hotline

(800)999-8904

Housing Preservation Program

(800)999-8904

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CHILD SUPPORT: *Driver's License Suspensions*

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Driver's License Suspensions

Once you have been issued a court order to pay child support, you can be “punished” in various ways for falling behind. For example, you may be put in jail for contempt, your tax refunds may be intercepted, your wages may be garnished, your child support obligations may be reported to credit reporting agencies, and your driver's license may be suspended.

The purpose of this pamphlet is to describe how your driver's license may be suspended when you are behind on child support and options you may have to deal with the suspension.

Appealing Decisions To Suspend Your License

If you are 60 days or more behind on your child support obligation, the Child Support Administration is supposed to notify the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA), which will then suspend your driver's license. However, before notifying the MVA, the **Child Support Administration must send you written notice** that includes an explanation of **your right to request an investigation** if you disagree with the suspension.

It is important that you do not miss the deadline stated in the notice.

Be sure to date your request for investigation and keep a copy for your records. The Child Support Administration must then conduct an investigation and send you a notice of the results. The notice should explain **your right to further appeal if you disagree with the decision**. Date your appeal request and keep a copy for your records.

Reinstatement of Your Driver's License

If your driver's license has already been suspended, you can also try to **file a motion to reinstate your driver's license** with the court which issued the child support order. You should include in your motion why you think the suspension is in error and/or why you believe it is in your children's best interests for your driver's license to be reinstated. For example, you may need your license to complete training school. You may also wish to try to work out an agreement with the Child Support Administration where they may accept a partial lump sum payment along with a modified payment plan.

The Child Support Administration must tell the MVA to reinstate your license once the arrearages are paid in full or if you have “demonstrated good faith” by paying the ordered amount of support for 6 consecutive months after the suspension.

Getting a Work-Restricted License

If you are currently working and your driver's license has been suspended, you can **request a work-restricted driver's license**. To do this, you should obtain a letter from your employer verifying your employment. Next, contact your agent at your local child support enforcement office and arrange a meeting to present the proof of employment and request a work-restricted license. The Child Support Administration should then provide you with the paperwork to take to the MVA to get the restricted license.

The Legal Aid Bureau, Inc., established in 1911, provides free civil legal services to eligible low-income people throughout Maryland. Among its services, Legal Aid provides outreach and limited representation to non-custodial parents where child support issues cause barriers to employment.

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