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Wayne County Friend of the Court Child Support Enforcement Improvements

Detroit, Mich. – The Wayne County Friend of the Court (FOC) is making changes to its child support enforcement program effective July 1 to better service families and ensure that children receive the support they need to thrive.

Now, a child support recipient may request enforcement of a child support order by filing a free Request for Child Support Enforcement. The form is available on the Court's website at www.3rdcc.org. A hearing will be scheduled before an FOC referee where the matter will be resolved or referred to the Court for an Order to Show Cause against the support payer.

If a support payer fails to appear at a Show Cause Hearing, a bench warrant may issue for his/her arrest. Starting Monday, July 1, 2024, a payer with an active bench warrant may appear at the office of the Friend of the Court on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to Noon to try to resolve the warrant. The Wayne County FOC is in the Penobscot Building, located at 645 Griswold St., Detroit, Mich. 48226. The payer should be prepared to make a payment toward the arrears and commit to a monthly payment plan going forward.

If the payer has a FOC child support bench warrant and fails to timely surrender on the warrant, the support recipient may request that the Wayne County Sheriff's Office arrest the payer on the warrant. The support recipient may request a special pick-up by calling the FOC Call Center at (844) 785-7593.

For further questions about these changes, please call the Wayne County Friend of the Court at 313-224-6639. Those who have specific questions about their Friend of the Court case can call 1-844-785-7593.

About the Third Judicial Circuit

The Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan is the largest circuit court in the state, with 59 judges and three operating divisions. It has jurisdiction over civil, criminal, and family matters arising in Wayne County. Learn more at www.3rdcc.org.