

### How much of my debt will be removed?

If you qualify, all past due money owed to the State of Illinois will be removed.

### What happens if I lose my job?

You may be eligible for a suspension that can last 12 months. Suspensions are granted on a case-by-case basis.

### Can I qualify if I'm not working?

You must prove you can pay current support for six months.

### What is debt owed to the state?

Debt to the state usually refers to public assistance money which was provided to the custodial parent because they did not receive support from the non-custodial parent.

### I'm in prison, what kind of help can I get?

You are not eligible for Project Clean Slate at this time, however, you may ask for a modification of your current child support order. We have a special project for inmates called **Project CHILD**. For more information, ask your counselor to contact the Child Support Representative for your prison.

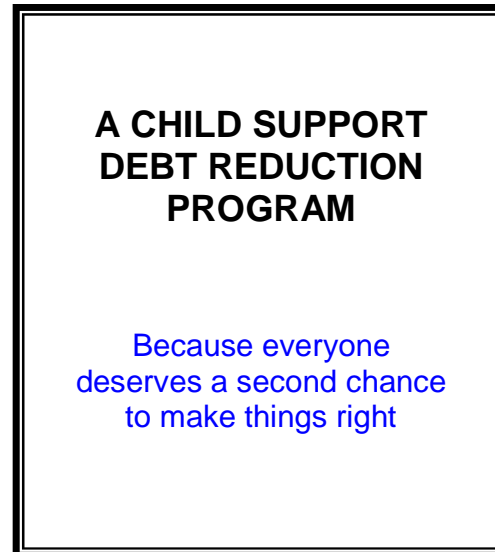
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Everyone deserves a second chance to make things right.

How would you like to have part or all of your **PAST DUE** Child Support debt permanently removed from your records?



**Project Clean Slate**, is a special program offered by Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, Division of Child Support Enforcement. The project allows you to clear up **past due** child support payments--- **IF YOU QUALIFY FOR THE PROGRAM.**

To qualify, you must provide proof that you could not make payments because:

You were unemployed, or

You were incarcerated, or

You had special circumstances which prevented you from paying your child support .

If you qualify, you **MUST** agree make full child support payments for six months. If you follow the agreement, **your past due debt owed to the state will be removed.**

**However, any past due support owed to the custodial parent must be paid to the custodial parent.**

**Failure to make full payments for the six-month period will cancel the agreement, and the debt will remain on the books.**

**Applicants who provide false information will be rejected and will not be allowed to reapply.**

### **What kind of proof do I need?**

We must have written proof from a believable source such as:

A letter from your former employer stating when your employment ended due to layoff, factory closing, etc.

Paperwork from Department of Employment Security,

A statement about your special situation from a caseworker, counselor, parole officer, minister, etc.

Prison Discharge or Parole papers,

A doctor's statement or medical bill.

A Statement of Earnings from the Social Security Administration. (Social Security staff can provide a free printout of your recorded earnings.)