Want to Join the 2027 Child Support Schedule Workgroup?

Do you receive or pay child support? If so, we invite you to apply for the 2027 Child Support Schedule Workgroup to help shape Washington state child support laws and policies. Your voice and experience matter!

Scan the QR code to visit the Child Support Schedule Workgroup homepage.

This governor-appointed workgroup comes together every four years for a series of meetings. Parents work with policy experts, judicial branch representatives and members of the Legislature to review child support guidelines and rules and find ways to improve them.

Several recommendations from the 2023 workgroup became law, including changes to low-income limitations and expansion of the economic table, which now better reflect the realities of working parents.

Application Window Is Open

- Applications are being accepted through Sept. 30, 2026.
- We're looking for people to share their experience with the child support system. Together, we will look at how child support orders are calculated and see if the laws should change. The workgroup is seeking:
  - Three participants who pay or have paid child support, including one person who has also experienced poverty.
  - Three participants who receive or have received child support, including one person who has also experienced poverty.
- The workgroup will meet regularly from January 2027 through August 2027 during business hours:
  - Past workgroups have met for one full-day meeting per month with additional subcommittee meetings.
  - Most meetings will be held online. One meeting might be in person.
- For in-person meetings, DSHS will pay travel and meal costs for workgroup members.
- Reasonable accommodations are available upon request.
- To apply, visit governor.wa.gov/boards-and-commissions/boards-commissions/apply-serve.
- To learn more about the workgroup, visit dshs.wa.gov/esa/division-child-support/child-support-schedule-workgroup.

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If you have questions about this workgroup, please contact SupportSchedule@dshs.wa.gov.

For questions or concerns about your own child support case, please contact Division of Child Support at dcs-cru@dshs.wa.gov.