

# Don't Wait—Ensure Your Family's Legal Safety Now!

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Hi, there!

Think child support in Florida ends when your child turns 18? Well, not so fast! While 18 is often the magic number, there are some surprising exceptions that can keep those payments rolling a bit longer. Let's break it down!



#### Special Needs and Extended Child Support Obligations

For children with special needs, **the support system doesn't hit pause at 18**. In fact, it can last indefinitely, depending on their unique circumstances. The courts consider medical and psychological needs, plus how well they can live on their own. If they need ongoing support, that obligation continues. No graduation required..



#### Child Support for High School Students

So your kid's 18, but still figuring out calculus and senior prom? If your child is still in high school when they hit 18, **child support keeps going**—right up until graduation. The clock stops at 19, though, even if your budding scholar's diploma takes a little longer.



#### Adjusting Child Support for Multiple Children

If you have more than one kiddo, child support comes with a built-in "step-down" feature. When the oldest turns 18, you'll see a decrease in payments—but not a full stop. The payments will keep stepping down as each child hits adulthood, with the final chapter ending when your youngest turns 18.



Behind on Payments? Here's the Catch: Even if your child's all grown up, unpaid child support doesn't magically disappear. Florida doesn't have a statute of limitations on collecting those back payments. If you owe, the state can come after your tax refund, put a lien on your property, or even suspend your driver's license. In other words, if you're behind, it's not too late to catch up—before the penalties pile up!

## Can You Modify Child Support? Absolutely!

Let's face it—life happens. Maybe you've had a big change in income or a shift in the time-sharing schedule. Florida allows for child support modifications before your child turns 18, if circumstances change enough to warrant it. It's a great option if you're facing new financial realities or your child's needs have changed.

### What's Next? Let's Make Sure You're Covered!

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Ready to take the next step?

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