

What is probation?

Probation is a court sentence that allows certain clients to stay in the community under the supervision of a probation officer. Probation is a part of the New Jersey court system.

Probation is not parole. Parole monitors those released from state prison after they serve most of their sentences.

Probation supervision involves working with a probation officer to successfully complete a probation term. It also involves reporting to the probation office, attending school, work, or job training programs and, when appropriate, participation in substance abuse and other treatment programs as well as community service.

The probation division also includes a child support enforcement unit that monitors child and spousal support orders. Probation officers work with child support caseworkers to help clients pay their support.

New Jersey Judiciary's Office of Probation Services is committed to the welfare and safety of children, families and communities through the fair treatment of all individuals by:

- Promoting positive behavioral change through the use of evidence-based practices.
- Ensuring that individuals remain accountable to their families and communities.
- Collaborating with the community and staff while responding pro-actively to change.

NJ Child Support Customer Service

1-877-655-4371

www.njchildsupport.org

Questions about procedures for filing a Warrant of Satisfaction can be directed to the Superior Court Clerk's Office at SCCO.Mailbox@njcourts.gov or 609-421-6100.



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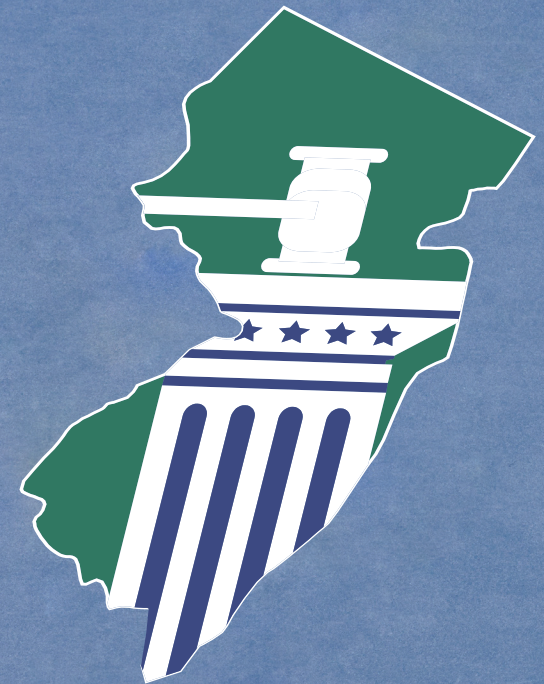
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Judgments and the Child Support Enforcement Program



For more information about probation services,
go to www.njcourts.gov and
search for probation services.

If I am the custodial parent, how can I get a judgment for the money owed to me?

When the amount of money owed is equal to or greater than one month's child support obligation and 45 days have elapsed since the entry of the order, a judgment is automatically entered on your behalf. This means that the money owed to you has been certified as a judgment and reported to the Superior Court Clerk's Office.

Judgments can list the custodial parent, the Board of Social Services, or another state depending on who is owed the arrears.

There can be more than one judgment for a single case. Spousal support amounts are only included in a judgment when associated with child support arrears.

What happens to my outstanding arrears when my probation case is closed? Am I still owed this money?

Yes. Even though your probation case is closed, the money is still owed to you. It just means that probation will not collect the money.

If I am the custodial parent, can I collect money from a child support judgment if the non-custodial parent was awarded money in a lawsuit or settlement?

Yes. If your child support case is open through probation, the attorney or title company will contact the probation office to certify the amount owed. Payment will be processed through probation.

As a custodial parent, what am I expected to do when contacted for a Warrant of Satisfaction?

If the case is open, the probation division will send you a Warrant of Satisfaction when the money is paid in full. If the case is closed through probation, you, as the custodial parent, are responsible for ensuring you have received the money owed before approving the Warrant of Satisfaction. As the custodial

parent, you can decide to sign the Warrant of Satisfaction, even if you did not receive any payment or a reduced amount.

What is post judgment interest?

Post judgment interest is calculated and added to the amount due at payment to make up for the lost value of the child support amount due to inflation. The attorney for either party or a county welfare agency attorney is responsible for calculating post judgment interest. The probation division can assist with the calculations. Parties can also agree to an alternate interest calculation or a lump sum interest payment. The custodial parent can also waive the calculation of interest, if they want to do so.

As the payor, how do I obtain a Warrant of Satisfaction if my case is closed with the probation division?

Although a child support case can be closed on the New Jersey automated child support system, a child support judgment remains open with the Superior Court clerk. If you want to remove the judgment, a Warrant of Satisfaction or court order is required.

You or your attorney can contact the other party directly and obtain a Warrant of Satisfaction independently. A sample copy of a Warrant of Satisfaction can be found at www.njcourts.gov/forms/12208_wos_att_e.pdf.

The names on the Warrant of Satisfaction must match the name on the judgment. For example, if the judgment includes the non-custodial parent's middle initial, the Warrant of Satisfaction also must include that middle initial.

For assistance with open judgments on closed probation cases, call the Administrative Office of the Courts Call Management Unit at 609-815-3820.

As the payor, what do I do when I have the Warrant of Satisfaction?

You or your attorney must file the Warrant of

Satisfaction with the Superior Court clerk, along with the filing fee payable to the "Treasurer, State of New Jersey." Superior Court Clerk's Office
P.O. Box 971
25 Market St., 6th Floor
Trenton, N.J. 08625

My child support case is closed and I don't owe any money. Why is my judgment still open?

Closure of your case only means that probation no longer provides monitoring or enforcement. The judgment remains open until either a Warrant of Satisfaction or other court order satisfies the judgment.

What happens if the custodial parent refuses to sign a Warrant of Satisfaction or cannot be found?

If the probation division cannot obtain the Warrant of Satisfaction from the custodial parent, the probation division will generate a notice to you as the non-custodial parent advising that it will not pursue the warrant and that it will instead file a motion in the county where the case was filed. If the court then enters an order on that motion, it will become the Warrant of Satisfaction. You must file that order with the Superior Court clerk with the filing fee.

How to contact us

To make a payment toward the judgment, include case numbers and judgment numbers on the form of payment. Contact customer service to verify the amount of your judgment and if it is subject to post-judgment interest.

Make checks payable to:
New Jersey Family Support Payment Center
PO Box 9288
Trenton, NJ 08650