

Establishing Good Cause for NOT Cooperating with Child Support

You are required by law to cooperate with the State of Alaska's Child Support Services Division (CSSD) in their efforts to establish paternity or maternity or to modify or enforce a child support order for a dependent child who is receiving Temporary Assistance payments, unless you have "good cause" not to cooperate *AND* you can provide supporting documents to support your "good cause" claim.

If you want to cooperate with Child Support do not complete this form but do complete the Child Support Information form attached.

If you do not want to cooperate with child support at this time because you believe you have good cause, you are required to provide supporting documents and adequate information with this completed good cause form to establish and support your good cause claim, or your good cause claim will be DENIED. If your good cause claim has been denied, your TANF application will be denied or your TANF benefits will be reduced.

I believe I have good cause because: Person(s) affected:

- () Absent parent(s) is deceased: _____
- () Legal proceedings for adoption are pending: _____
- () Child(ren) was conceived by incest or rape: _____
- () Physical harm may occur to me or my child(ren): _____
- () Emotional harm may occur to me or my child(ren): _____

Please attach supporting documents and fully explain your good cause claim:

*If you have submitted an application to receive TANF benefits and do not cooperate by completing the Child Support Information forms or establish good cause by providing supporting documents and adequate information with your good cause claim, your application for TANF benefits will be denied.

*If you have have an open TANF case and do not cooperate by completing the Child Support Information forms or establish good cause by providing supporting documents and adequate information with your good cause claim, your case will be penalized and your benefits reduced by \$464.00 each month until you cooperate or claim and establish good cause and CSSD will still pursue child support against the non-custodial parent.

To establish good cause, please make sure you have done the following:

1. Complete this good cause claim form and attach supporting documents to establish good cause.
2. Complete the Child Support Information form by marking box 3 and sign and date the Child Support Information form.
3. Send in the Completed Child Support Information form with this good cause claim form and all your supporting documents.

If you have any questions or need assistance in completing these forms, please contact the AVCP TANF program at 1-800-478-3157 or contact your village Case Manager.

Signature _____ Date _____

FAIR HEARING:

Any person whose application is denied, or whose benefits are reduced, or terminated has a right to a fair hearing before AVCP. If you desire a fair hearing, you must request it in writing through the TANF Program Director at P.O. Box 219, Bethel, Alaska 99559. You must request a fair hearing within (10) days of receiving a notice to deny benefits, a notice to reduce benefits, or a notice to terminate benefits.