

Activity: Truth or Myth?

Below are statements pertaining to child support. Determine whether each statement is true or a myth by indicating "T" for "true" or "M" for "myth." You may print this page and write your answer in the appropriate column next to each statement.

| Truth or Myth? | Truth (T) | Myth (M) |
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| 1. If one parent receives public assistance, the court must order the other parent to pay child support. | | M |
| 2. Both parents are required by law to support their child(ren) until the age of 18. | T | |
| 3. A parent not paying his/her court-ordered child support goes immediately to jail. | | M |
| 4. A parent is responsible for paying child support even if (s)he is still in school. | T | |
| 5. A parent not paying court-ordered child support can have his/her driver's license suspended. | T | |
| 6. The non-custodial parent must pay child support even if his/her only income is unemployment or disability. | T | |
| 7. Parents owing court-ordered child support are reported to the Credit Bureau. | T | |
| 8. Parents going into the military do not have to pay child support. | | M |
| 9. A lien can be placed on the property of a parent owing child support. | T | |
| 10. A non-custodial parent can stop paying child support if the custodial party marries someone else. | | M |
| 11. Employed non-custodial parents may have child support payments deducted from their wages. | T | |
| 12. If the grandparents are raising the child, only the father is responsible for paying child support. | | M |
| 13. If a non-custodial parent marries, the child support payments can be deducted from the wages of the spouse. | | M |
| 14. Grandparents are legally responsible for their teenage child(ren)'s child support obligation. | | M |
| 15. All information in a child support case is confidential. | T | |
| 16. Non-custodial parents in jail still owe child support. | T | |
| 17. A non-custodial parent who owes child support is not entitled to visitation. | | M |
| 18. Past-due child support incurs an interest penalty. | T | |

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| 19. Past-due child support can be collected even after a child turns 18 years old. | T | |
| 20. Non-custodial parents are responsible for all or part of the medical expenses for their child. | T | |
| 21. The court has the authority to refer parents who are delinquent in child support to counseling, job search assistance, or substance abuse treatment. | T | |
| 22. When the income of a non-custodial parent increases, the court can increase the amount of child support. When the income decreases, the court can decrease child support. | T | |
| 23. The married mother's husband's name is automatically listed as the father on a child's birth certificate unless the mother obtains a court judgment stating her husband is not the father. | T | |
| 24. Non-custodial parents cannot apply for child support services. | | M |