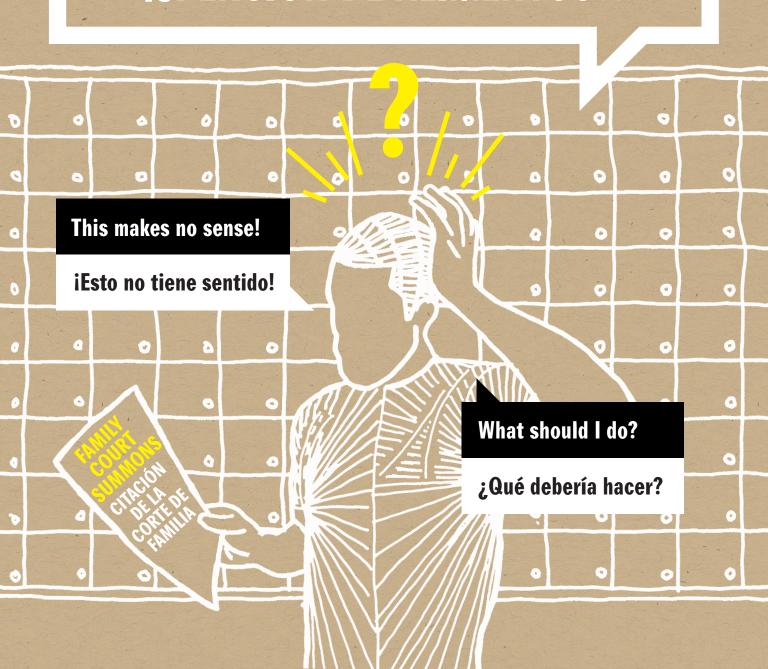
CHILD SUPPORT?!

i¿PENSIÓN DE ALIMENTOS?!



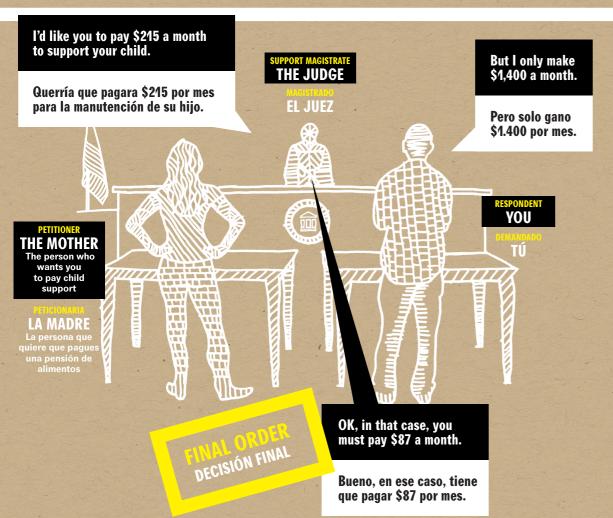
Hey dads—Here's what you need to know for your child support hearing in Family Court.

Padres—Esto es lo que deberían saber para la audiencia en la Corte de Familia.



GO TO COURT! SO YOU CAN MAKE A CASE FOR CHILD SUPPORT YOU CAN AFFORD.

TIENES QUE IR A LA CORTE PARA DEMOSTRAR CUÁNTO PUEDES PAGAR DE PENSIÓN DE ALIMENTOS.



GO TO COURT, **EVEN IF...**

...YOU'RE

If you absolutely can't make it that day, call Family Court right away. They'll give you a new court date.

Bronx: (718) 618-2098 Brooklyn: (347) 401-9600 Manhattan: (646) 386-5200 Queens: (718) 298-0197 Staten Island: (718) 675-8800

Si absolutamente no puedes ir ese día, llama enseguida a la Corte de Familia. Te fijarán otra fecha para la audiencia.

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...YOU'RE

Go to court on your court date and tell the judge. He may order a DNA test.

PATERNITY The legal term for being the father of a child.

...NO ESTÉS SEGURO DE QUE 🗼 ...YA

PATERNIDAD Término legal para la condición de padre.

...YOU ...YOU BUY ...YOU'RE ...YOU'RE ...THE

You are still legally required to provide child support until your child is 21 years old.

De todas maneras estás obligado por la ley a pagar una pensión de alimentos hasta que tu hijo(a) cumpla 21 años.

IF YOU DON'T GO

DECISIONS WILL BE MADE WITHOUT YOU.

SI NO VAS

SE VAN A DECIDIR COSAS SIN QUE ESTÉS ALLÍ.

I'd like the father to pay \$215 a month to support the child.



THE COURT CAN AUTOMATICALLY TAKE MONEY YOU OWE FROM YOUR BANK ACCOUNT.

LA CORTE PUEDE SACAR AUTOMÁTICAMENTE DE TU CUENTA CORRIENTE EL DINERO QUE DEBES.

YOU COULD LOSE YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE OR YOUR PROFESSIONAL LICENSE (like your security guard license), which means you might not be able to keep working. IF YOU DO NOT PAY, YOU COULD GO TO JAIL.

YOU CAN'T GET A PASSPORT.



PUEDES PERDER EL PERMISO DE CONDUCIR O LA LICENCIA PROFESIONAL (como la de guardia de seguridad), y eso significa que tal vez no puedas seguir trabajando.

SI NO PAGAS, PUEDES TERMINAR EN LA CÁRCEL.

NO PUEDES SACAR UN PASAPORTE.

Cómo prepararte para la audiencia en la corte









Get your financial documents together

You'll need to prove how much money you make and how much you spend. Get any

documents about your finances together and put them in a folder. For example:

Proof of vour income - Pay stubs from the last

- 6 months decide based - If you're paid under the on what they think you earn. table, get pay receipts or a

last year, bring

the most

recent one

before that.

If you've never

filed taxes, ask

your employer

- Bring court orders for any other child support you're already paying

note from your boss

Proof of how much

— You can also bring: tuition bills, utility bills (for gas, electricity, phone, or internet), rent receipts, or car payment statements

Tax documents

you spend

- Copies of the state and federal income tax returns you sent in most recently
- The W-2 or 1099 form you filed with those returns

Proof of any government benefits you get

- Cash assistance letter
- Food stamps ("SNAP") benefits letter
- Medicaid letter

insurance you have, and how much extra it would cost to add a child to your insurance

EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE

ALL OF THESE. YOU SHOULD

STILL GO TO COURT IN PERSON.

from the HRA office where **Insurance documents** you have your — Show what kind of health

AUNQUE NO LOS TENGAS TODOS.

DE TODAS MANERAS TIENES QUE IR A LA CORTE PERSONALMENTI

Junta tus documentos financieros

Prueba de tus ingresos

- de pago o una carta
- Prueba de cuánto gastas
- electricidad, teléfono o interne los recibos de alquiler o estado de pago del automóvil

Documentos de

Prueba de las prestaciones de isistencia que recibes

- Carta de Medicaid

salud que tienes y cuánto má te costaría añadir a tu hijo(a) a ese seguro

Documentos de seguro

at your bank.

You can get the form here:

Fill out a Financial

Disclosure Affidavit

nycourts.gov/forms

It's what the court looks at to decide how much you should pay in child support.

You need to have the documents from the list on the left to fill it out.

For help filling it out, visit



o HEESTERS O

NOTARIO PÚBLIC

El formulario se consique en:

nycourts.gov/forms

La corte mira esto antes de pensión de alimentos.

Llena una declaración jurada

de situación financiera

liftonline.org

Don't sign the form yet!

There are lots of notary publics in your neighborhood, at places like the bank, Western Union, or real estate offices (look for a "notary public" sign in the window).

- Bring an ID (like a passport)
- **Bring the** UNSIGNED Financial **Disclosure Affidavit**

You will sign the form in front of the notary.

The notary will stamp it for you.

> You'll need to pay a few dollars to get the form notarized. It might be free





- Lleva un documento (pasaporte, poi
- Lleva la declaración financiera SIN FIRMAR

Try to look nice

WEAR SOMETHING LIKE JEANS AND A **BUTTON-DOWN.** IT WILL SEND A **MESSAGE THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO** TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY.

Trata de

PONTE JEANS Y UNA CAMISA POR EJEMPLO. ES UNA FORMA DE INDICAR QUE TE TOMAS ESTO MUY EN SERIO.

Write it down!

IT WILL HELP YOU **REMEMBER WHAT YOU WANT** TO SAY IN COURT. LIKE:

Get ready

- If you have a job or not
- How much you make
- Whether you support other children



Cuánto ganas

DECIR EN LA CORTE. COMO

- Si tienes trabajo
- Si pagas pensión de alimentos por otros hijos
- Los gastos importantes que tengas

What to bring with you:

The letter you got from **Family Court (your Summons)**

Prepárate

- Your financial documents
- **Your Financial Disclosure Affidavit** (stamped by a notary)
- An ID (a passport or driver's license), if you have one
- A calendar (or your phone if it has a calendar)
- A pen and paper
- Something to keep you busy while you wait



¿Qué tienes que llevar a la corte?

- La carta de la Corte de Familia
- La declaración jurada de situación nanciera (con el sello del notario Un documento de identidad
- (pasaporte o permiso de conducir), si lo tienes
- Un calendario (o tu celular si
- Lápiz y papel

WARNING! THIS WILL TAKE A WHOLE DAY.

Tell your employer or your school ahead of time, or take the day off.

Go to court

Make day care plans ahead of time. You can also bring your child to court with you! There is a drop-in childcare center for children 6 weeks to 12 years old at every Family Court.



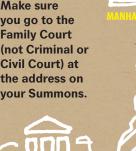
iADVERTENCIA!

TE VA A LLEVAR UN DÍA ENTERO

Haz con tiempo planes para que cuiden a ti hay una guardería para niños de 6 sema a 12 años. contigo. En cada una de las Cortes de Fan

Go to the right **Family Court** It might not be

in the borough where you live. Make sure you go to the **Family Court** (not Criminal or Civil Court) at the address on





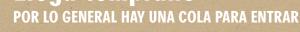
Anda a la corte

de Familia que corresponda

Staten Island: (718) 675-8800

Get there early THERE'S USUALLY A LINE TO GET IN

Llega temprano

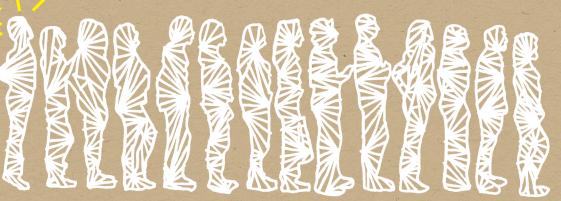


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; Qué luego?

What



Wait on line and go through security

Ponte en la cola y pasa la revisión de seguridad

Ask for help

Pide ayuda

Wait

Espera

Excuse me, where's my waiting room?

Perdón, ¿dónde está la sala de espera?

Summons. It's called a "part number."

El número de la sala aparece en la citación. Dice "part number".

Your room number is on your

most of the case is called. If you need to step out, tell a court officer. SALA DE ESPER

Stay here until your

If your case is called while you're out, the judge can make a decision without you.



COURT OFFICER

I'll see who's available.

Vas a pasar la No te muevas hasta

CLERK

Si llaman a comparece sin que estés allí.

Talk to the judge

Habla con el juez

TIPS

- You're allowed to talk! Don't be afraid to speak up.
- Speak loudly and clearly
- Don't chew gum
- Don't wear a hat
- Don't interrupt
- Don't swear

CONSEJOS

- iTienes derecho a hablar! No tengas miedo de hacerlo
- Habla en voz alta y clara
- No masques chicle
- Sácate el gorro No interrumpas
- No digas malas palabras

A temporary order usually

bring enough

Por lo general

documents

about your

suficientes

sobre tu

situación

financiera.

finances.

means you didn't



Please explain your situation.

Por favor explique

su situación.

our child on just my salary.

Yes, sir. It's hard for me to raise

Si señor. Es difícil criar a nuestro hijo únicamente con lo que gano yo.

The mother might have a lawyer or translator, or someone from the government representing her. 188841

THE MOTHER abogado o un intérprete o alguien del gobierno que la

WAITING FOR THEIR

CASES TO BE HEARD

Yes, sir. I brought my last two paychecks to show you.

Si señor. Traje los dos últimos comprobantes de mi salario para que los viera.



Words you might hear:

SUPPORT MAGISTRATE The judge in charge of hearing your case.

CLERK He or she prepares the paperwork and records what happens.

COURT OFFICER The security guard. **NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT** The parent

who doesn't live with the child most of the time. That's probably you. Also known as the respondent.

CUSTODIAL PARENT The parent who lives with the child most of the time. That's usually the child's mother. Also known as the petitioner.

Tal vez escuches los siguientes términos: **EL MAGISTRADO** El juez encargado de

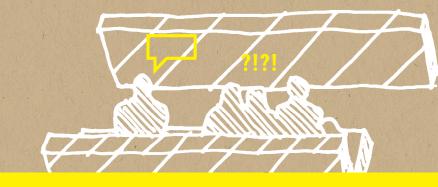
LA FUNCIONARIA Prepara los papeles y deja constancia de lo que pasa

EL GUARDIA de seguridad.

EL PADRE QUE NO TIENE LA CUSTODIA El padre que no vive con el hijo/la hija la mayor parte del tiempo. Probablemente tú. También es el demandado.

EL PADRE QUE TIENE LA CUSTODIA El padre que vive con el hijo/la hija la mayor parte del tiempo; por lo general

la madre. Es también la peticionaria.



A TEMPORARY ORDER

I need more

information

before I can

make a final

decision.

definitiva.

UNA ORDEN TEMPORAL

COURT OFFICER

EL GUARDIA

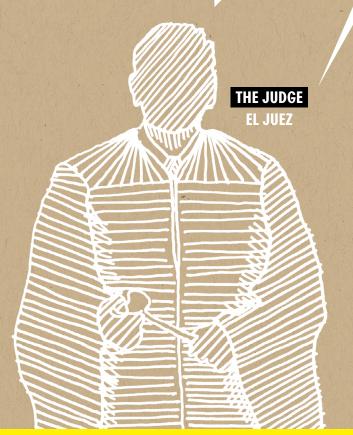
Your case could end in one of three ways:

UNA ORDEN DEFINITIVA

Esto es lo que tiene

I've made a final

Necesito más información antes de tomar una decisión



You'll have to come back to court.

SE COMIENZA Tendrás que **DE NUEVO** volver a la corte. 2 A FINAL ORDER you can't afford

por una cantidad que no puedes pagar

decision about how much child support you'll pay.

que pagar de pensión de alimentos.

No estoy de acuerdo con la decisión. ¿Qué puedo hacer? Can you show me how to file an objection?

YOU

¿Me puede explicar cómo hago para interponer una objeción?

OK, I'll get a form for you.

Sí, le voy a dar un formulario.

Don't assume you can work it out with the child's mother outside of court. You'll still owe the child support.

The way to try to change the court's decision is to file an objection.

If you decide after you leave the court that you disagree with the court's decision, you have 30 days to fill out and send in an objection form.

Visit <u>liftonline.org</u> for help filing an objection.

No creas que podrás llegar a un arreglo con la madre de tu hijo(a) fuera de la corte. De todas maneras vas a tener que pagar la pensión de alimentos.

I disagree with this

decision. What can I do?

CLERK

Para tratar de cambiar la decisión del juez hay que interponer una <u>objeción</u>.

Si después de salir de la corte decides que no estás de acuerdo con la orden del juez, tienes 30 días para llenar y presentar un formulario de objeción.

Para que te ayuden a interponer una objeción, anda a <u>liftonline.org</u>.

You have to come back **START OVER** to court if you disagree.

SE COMIENZA DE NUEVO

Si no estás de acuerdo, tienes que volver a la corte.

Tu caso puede terminar de tres maneras: 3 A FINAL ORDER you can afford

> UNA ORDEN DEFINITIVA. por una cantidad que puedes pagar

> > I can live with this decision. How do I pay?

Puedo aceptar la decisión. ¿Cómo pago?

You will get papers mailed

to you telling you:

- How much to pay

- When the first payment is due - Where to send payments

If you have a job:

- The court will take the money you owe directly out of your paycheck. That's called "garnishing your wages."

WARNING The payments might not be automatically deducted from your paycheck at first, so you may need to make the first payments yourself. Find out by calling the Child **Support Helpline 1 (800) 846-0773**

If you get paid in cash:

or visit childsupport.ny.gov

- You need to pay child support directly to New York State. Do not send money directly to the mother of the child. - Pay the full amount

- Pay on time - Don't send cash

the child turns 21.

 Make photocopies of your check or money order so you can prove you paid it

 Write the case number on your check or money order

Te enviarán por correo una carta en que te dirán:

— Cuánto tienes que pagar — Cuándo tienes que hacer el

primer pago — Dónde enviar los pagos

Si tienes trabaio:

 La corte deducirá directamente de tu salario lo que debes. Esto se

llama "embargo" o "retención". <mark>iCUIDADO!</mark> Puede ocurrir que al automáticamente la pensión de tu salario y tengas que pagarla tú mismo Para averiguarlo, llama a la Child Support Helpline 1 (800) 846-0773

Si te pagan en efectivo:

o anda a childsupport.ny.gov

— Tienes que pagar la pensión Nueva York. No envíes el dinero

directamente a la madre de tu hijo(a). Paga el monto íntegro Paga a tiempo

Haz fotocopias de tu cheque o money order para poder demostrar

que pagaste Escribe el número de caso en tu cheque o money order

Tendrás que pagar la pensión hasta que tu hijo(a) cumpla 21 años. You'll need to pay that amount until

NICE! It's all figured out.

iBIEN! Todo arreglado.

My financial situation changed. What do I do?

Mi situación financiera ha cambiado. ¿Qué hago?



Maybe you lost your job, joined the military, or went on public assistance. If any of these things happen, you can ask the court to reconsider its decision by filing a modification anytime.

 Print and fill out a "Support Modification Proceeding" form: nycourts.gov/forms

— Go back to Family Court with the form and documents that prove your income has changed

— Questions? Visit liftonline.org

Si has perdido tu trabajo, te has enlistado en las fuerzas armadas o dependes de la ayuda social, puedes pedir a la corte que reconsidere su decisión; para eso tienes que presentar en cualquier momento un formulario de <u>modificación</u>

Imprime y llena un formulario de "Support Modification Proceeding" que encontrarás

en: <u>nycourts.gov/forms</u> - Vuelve a la Corte de Familia con el formulario y documentos que demuestren

que tus ingresos han cambiado - ¿Preguntas? Anda a liftonline.org



You want to do the right thing for your child.

Se trata de hacer lo que sea mejor para tu hijo(a).

COURT DATE CHECKLIST /- LISTA PARA LA AUDIENCIA

My court date is:

Mi audiencia en la corte es el:

I'll go to Family Court in:

Tengo que ir a la Corte de Familia de:

- Bronx
- Brooklyn
- Manhattan
- Queens
 - Staten Island

The address is:

La dirección es:

- I have my documents ready to go
 Tengo todos los documentos listos
- I let my job know that I need the day off
 Avisé en mi trabajo que me tomaba el día

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