



Child Support Awareness Month

“Different Wants, Different Needs, Same Shared Goal”



Why do we have a child support awareness month?

- In 1995, President Bill Clinton proclaimed August as National Child Support Awareness Month to ensure America's continued focus on child support and paternity establishment efforts.
- All 50 states join in to recognize the strides made to ensure that children receive the financial and emotional support they deserve from their parents.
- This month, Governor Newsom proclaimed Child Support Awareness with the 2023 theme; Different Wants, Different Needs, Same Shared Goal which recognizes the importance of working with diverse coparents to meet their individual needs and achieve their shared goal of seeing their children thrive.



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California's incredible diversity, including many varied family structures and backgrounds, is a point of pride and one of the state's greatest strengths. California Child Support Services works to connect families of all kinds with the vital resources they need to care for their children.

In recent years, the state has adapted to improve these services for individuals and families – from technological advances like virtual court hearings and online enrollments for services to new legislation putting the support of families front and center during difficult economic times. Each successful implementation and improvement in service delivery brings us closer to a California for all.

This year's Child Support Awareness Month, themed *Different Wants, Different Needs, One Shared Goal*, recognizes the importance of working with diverse co-parents to meet their individual needs and achieve the shared goal of seeing their children thrive. Child support professionals are dedicated to assisting parents and legal guardians in providing consistent support for their children and understand that one size does not fit all.

Co-parents navigating the child support system can enroll online or inquire at any of the 47 local agencies statewide for help with every phase of the process, including adapting support orders to changes in circumstances and in some cases, avoiding the court process entirely. During Child Support Awareness Month, I commend the hardworking public servants who support modern California families through their neutral, helpful and fair services.

Sincerely,



Gavin Newsom



CALIFORNIA CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM

Child Support Services are available to the general public through a network of 47 county and regional Agencies.

Core Services

 Offered by the Child Support Program	 Not Offered by the Child Support Program
Locating Parents	Divorce
Establish Parentage	Custody
Establish and Enforce Child Support Orders	Visitation
Modify Existing Orders	Restraining Orders
Stellar Customer Service	Establish Spousal Support Orders



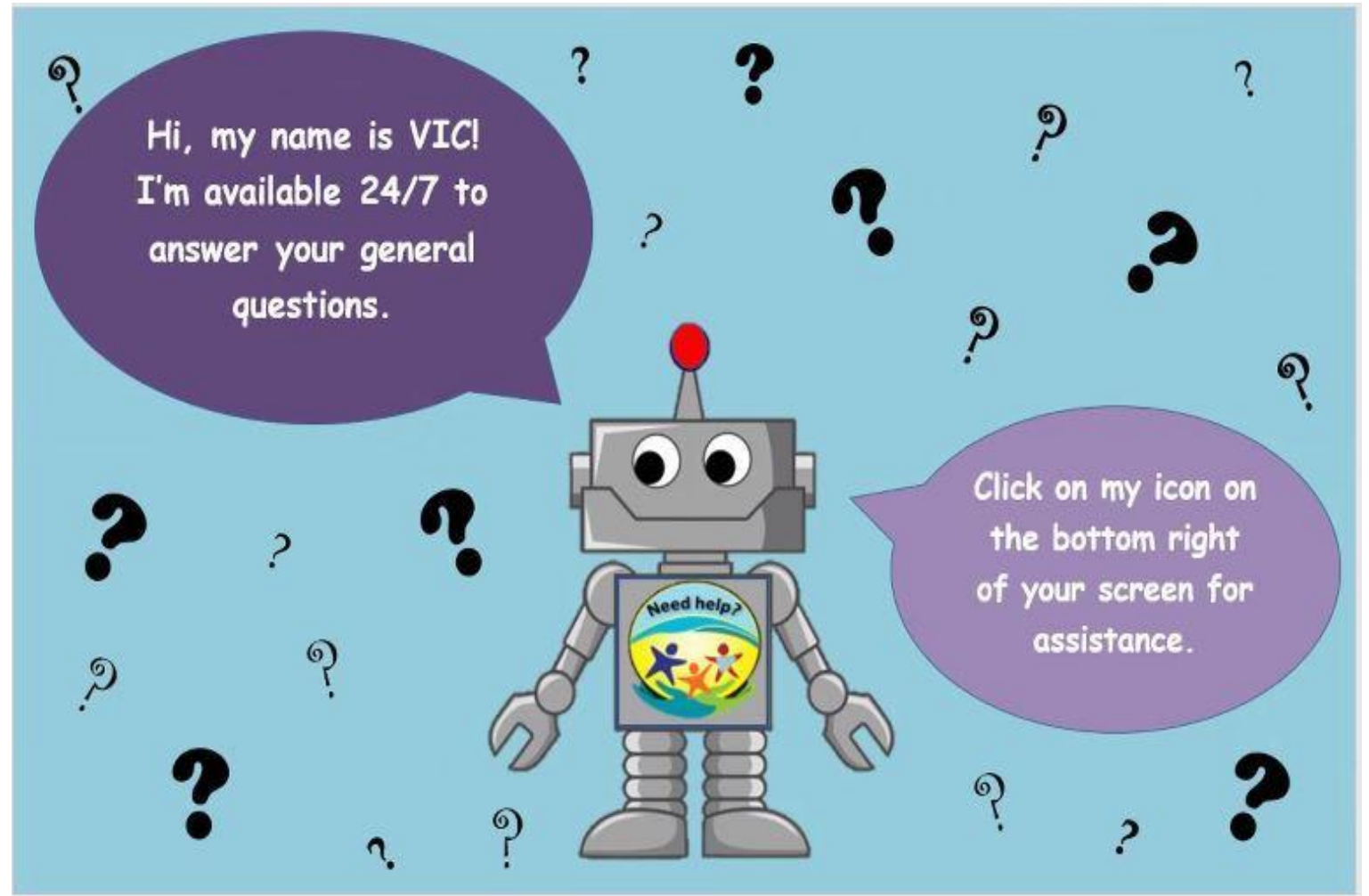
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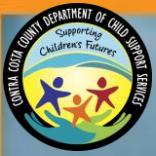


We serve parents, legally acknowledged guardians, attorneys, employers, and other CA Counties, U.S. States and Territories, and other Countries, as well!



DCSS
addressing
different
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needs





Video Chat with a Caseworker

Click image to chat Monday – Friday, 8:00AM – 4:30PM

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Meeting Different Needs and Wants

- Bilingual Language Caseload and Caseworkers
- Virtual Court Appearances
- Improved Customer Focus Via Outreach Opportunities



