

Southern Community
Justice Centre

Child Support

All services provided by Southern Community Justice Centre are free and confidential.

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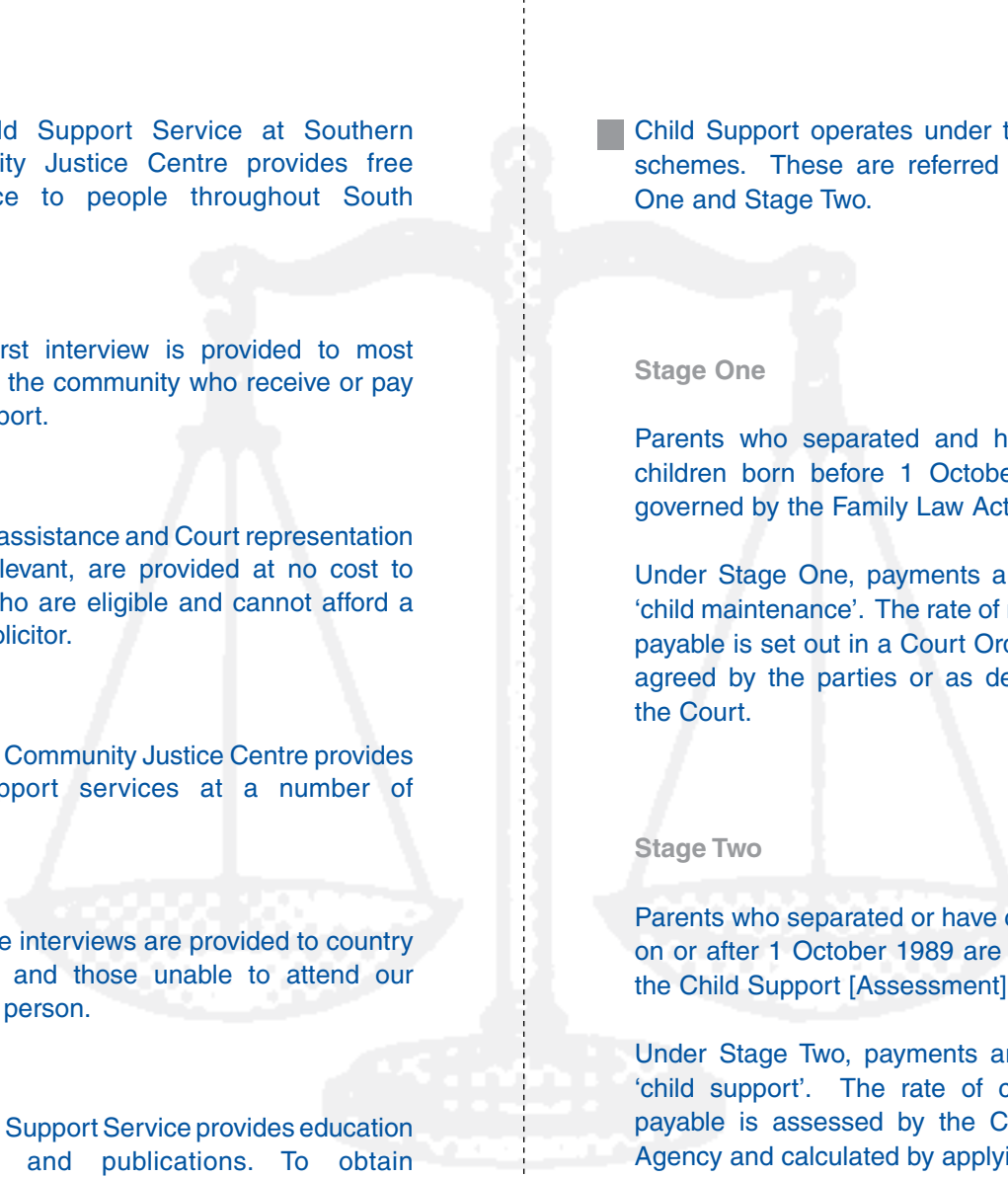
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■ The Child Support Service at Southern Community Justice Centre provides free assistance to people throughout South Australia.

A free first interview is provided to most people in the community who receive or pay child support.

Ongoing assistance and Court representation where relevant, are provided at no cost to people who are eligible and cannot afford a private solicitor.

Southern Community Justice Centre provides child support services at a number of offices.

Telephone interviews are provided to country residents and those unable to attend our offices in person.

The Child Support Service provides education sessions and publications. To obtain information contact us direct.

■ Child Support operates under two separate schemes. These are referred to as Stage One and Stage Two.

Stage One

Parents who separated and have all their children born before 1 October 1989, are governed by the Family Law Act 1975.

Under Stage One, payments are known as 'child maintenance'. The rate of maintenance payable is set out in a Court Order, either as agreed by the parties or as determined by the Court.

Stage Two

Parents who separated or have children born on or after 1 October 1989 are governed by the Child Support [Assessment] Act 1989.

Under Stage Two, payments are known as 'child support'. The rate of child support payable is assessed by the Child Support Agency and calculated by applying a specific Formula.

■ This Service provides assistance in most areas of child support, including:

- Applications to change the Child Support Assessment
- Court Orders
- Child Support Agreements
- Lump Sum Payments
- Over 18 Maintenance
- Parentage Testing
- Negotiations
- Problems with the Child Support Agency
- Problems with Centrelink as a result of child support issues