

MYTH OR TRUTH STATEMENTS

Mark **T** for Truth or **M** for Myth

- _____ 1. Both parents are required by law to support their child until the age of 18.

- _____ 2. Noncustodial parents who are in the military do not have to pay child support.

- _____ 3. Noncustodial parents with one child must pay 20 percent of their net income for child support and up to 9 percent for medical support. (That's \$220 for child support and up to \$100 for medical support if your take-home pay is \$1,100 a month).

- _____ 4. The only person who can open a child support case with the Attorney General's office is the parent who has physical custody of the child(ren).

- _____ 5. If you fall way behind in your child support payments, the state can take away your driving and fishing license.

- _____ 6. When determining the amount of back child support owed to the other parent, the court gives noncustodial parents credit for buying diapers and baby clothes and giving the other parent cash.

- _____ 7. Noncustodial parents who are not paying child support are not entitled to visitation.

- _____ 8. If a man doesn't believe he's the father, it's OK for him to ignore a legal notice or summons to court stating that he's the alleged father of a certain child.

- _____ 9. A court cannot order a man to pay child support unless paternity has been established first.

- _____ 10. Custodial parents can only use child support to pay for items that go directly to the child(ren) listed on the child support order.

- _____ 11. The best time to apply for child support services is when custodial parents are fighting with noncustodial parents about their child.

- _____ 12. When the income of a noncustodial parent increases, the court can increase the child support amount. When the income decreases, the court can decrease the amount.