



From Brian's Story in Module 7 of the curriculum.

Fatherhood Curriculum

Despite the pandemic, OCSS and CUNY Hunter College's Silberman School of Social Work expanded their [Fatherhood Curriculum](#) this past spring to Columbia University in Manhattan and SUNY Stony Brook University on Long Island. While single mothers have traditionally been the focus of social services and social work training, research demonstrates that fathers have a significant role to play in their children's lives – even when they live apart from their kids. The positive involvement of both parents improves outcomes for their children. Our aim in creating the Fatherhood Curriculum was to initiate lasting, sustainable change in how society and social policy define families and the role of fathers. A Stony Brook student who took the course noted: "Fathers thrive when their voices and needs are centered, they're connected to relevant resources, and those working with them continually reflect on their biases. I hope to keep this in mind going forward in my social work journey."

More How-to Videos

The [OCSS YouTube playlist](#) is growing! We've added a video, [How to Fill Out the Direct Deposit Enrollment Form](#), in addition to [How to Fill Out the Income and Expenses Statement](#), which helps the court align orders with the noncustodial parents' ability to pay.

Next up will be challenging an administrative enforcement order, such as a suspended driver license, seized bank account, or the denial of a passport application or renewal.

From the direct deposit enrollment how-to video.

Your Name



Supreme Court Orders

Custodial and noncustodial parents with a child support order issued by the Supreme Court in one of the boroughs can consider returning to Supreme Court to have their order modified. Before doing so, it may be best to reach out to LIFT (212-343-1122) to make sure Supreme Court is the right venue. Depending on whether the Supreme Court order was subsequently modified by Family Court could determine whether returning to Supreme Court is an option.



In The Know

As Much as \$1,345

New York State–resident noncustodial parents who earn less than \$41,756 (with one child) and pay all the child support they owe in 2020 may qualify for an earned income credit and increase their tax refund. This credit is worth as much as \$1,345. Just a reminder: noncustodial parents do not have to know their child's Social Security Number to file. The 2020 tax forms for claiming credits will be available later in the year at tax.ny.gov/forms and free assistance with tax preparation at nyc.gov/taxprep. For more information, visit tax.ny.gov.