

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

CHAPTER 660-3-13
TEN MOST WANTED PROGRAM

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660-3-13-.01 General.

(1) Providing for a program for the publishing in newspapers with general circulation throughout the state and posting on the DHR website the names of ten delinquent obligors in any county in support payments.

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660-3-13-.02 Criteria.

(1) In order to qualify as a candidate for the Ten Most Wanted Program, the case must meet the following criteria:

- (a) There must be a court order of current support.
- (b) No court order entered by default is eligible.
- (c) The obligor's location is unknown to the IV-D agency.
- (d) The IV-D agency must not have been notified the obligor is involved in bankruptcy proceedings nor have any other agreements prohibiting enforcement actions.
- (e) The obligor must not have made a payment or made a payment as a result of income tax refund offset within the previous six months.

- (f) The obligor must have known ties to Alabama (i.e. relatives, employment, mailing address).
- (g) The obligor must not be a recipient of TANF, SSI, food stamps, or any other type of public assistance.
- (h) The amount of arrears must be accurate.
- (i) A consent/release form must be signed by the obligee and notarized.
- (j) There must be a photograph of the obligor.

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660-3-13-.03 Notification.

(1) An obligor who meets the criteria to be a candidate for the Ten Most Wanted Program shall be sent a notification by regular mail to his/her last known address. The Notice shall state that the obligor may avoid being included in the publication by doing all of the following within ninety (90) days after receipt of the Notice:

- (a) Make a child support payment that is equal to the amount of support the obligor is required to pay each month under the support order or a percentage of child support arrears owed by the obligor, whichever amount is greater; and
- (b) Provide the IV-D agency a current address; and
- (c) Provide the IV-D agency proof of employment, current wages, salary, and other compensation; and
- (d) Provide the IV-D agency with proof that the obligor has arranged for withholding from the obligor's wages, salary, or other compensation to pay support and for payment of arrearages.

(2) The Notice shall also inform the obligor of his/her responsibility for the cost of including his/her case in the Ten Most Wanted Program. The cost will be collected after the obligor pays current child support and arrears due.

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660-3-13-.04 Publication.

(1) The IV-D agency shall distribute for publication in newspapers with general circulation throughout the state and post on the DHR website at a minimum of twice per year or monthly as deemed appropriate by the agency, the obligors who are to appear in the publication.

(2) The cost for publication will be placed with the obligors included in the publication.

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660-3-13-A

Appendix Forms.

STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

IMPORTANT NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PUBLISH YOUR PICTURE IN STATEWIDE NEWSPAPERS
AND ON THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, CHILD SUPPORT
ENFORCEMENT DIVISION WEBSITE

TEN MOST WANTED PROGRAM

Court Order No(s). _____ Custodial Party's Name _____
(if applicable) _____ Custodial Party's Name _____
_____ Custodial Party's Name _____

Pursuant to Act 2000-322, which became state law on October 1, 2000, the Department of Human Resources, Child Support Enforcement Division, has established a program for the publishing in newspapers with general circulation throughout the state and posting on the DHR website the names of ten obligors in any county who are delinquent in their child support payments. Your name has been referred as a possible candidate for this publication. This means the Department may publish your photograph in newspapers throughout the State of Alabama and on the Department of Human Resources, Child Support Enforcement Division website as a result of failure to pay court ordered child support. Our records indicate you are not in compliance with your court ordered child support obligation(s). Further, the records of the Department of Human Resources indicate that you owe \$_____ representing past due child support which includes interest as of _____.

You must contact the _____ County Department of Human Resources to show cause as to why you should not be included in this publication. In addition, if you do all of the following within ninety (90) days of receipt of this notice you may avoid having your photograph published:

1. Make a child support payment to the County Department of Human Resources, Child Support Enforcement Unit, that is at least equal to the amount of support you are required to pay each month under the support order or twenty five percent (25%) of child support arrears, **whichever amount is greater;**
2. Provide the County Department of Human Resources, Child Support Enforcement Unit with your current address;
3. Provide the County Department of Human Resources, Child Support Enforcement Unit with verification of your place of employment, current wages, salary, and other compensation; and

4. Provide the County Department of Human Resources, Child Support Enforcement Unit with proof that you have arranged for your wages to be withheld to pay your court ordered child support.

Should you fail to respond to this notice and comply with the above listed terms, your name will be submitted as a candidate for the Ten Most Wanted program. If your photograph is published, you will be charged the cost of publication. The cost of publishing your photo in statewide newspapers will be collected only after your child support debt has been satisfied.

If you are currently paying your debts under a bankruptcy plan or if you are complying with court ordered terms for repayment of arrearages, please contact the County Department of Human Resources, Child Support Unit to insure that your case is updated with this information as this notice should not apply in your case.

**STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

Dear:

RE: Ten Most Wanted program

The Department of Human Resources, Child Support Enforcement Division is authorized by law (Act 2000-322) to publish a list of "Ten Most Wanted" obligors who are delinquent in their child support payments. This list will be published in statewide newspapers a minimum of twice per year and also published on the Department of Human Resources, Child Support Enforcement Division website. The obligor (noncustodial parent) in your child support case appears to meet all of the criteria as a candidate and we would like your permission to publish his/her photograph in statewide newspapers and on our website. This effort is being made with the hope of locating obligors who are difficult to find and have refused to support his/her child(ren) as ordered by the courts.

Please complete the enclosed "Consent/Release Form" if you would like the Department to proceed. Please provide a photograph of the obligor and attach it to the form. If the obligor is in the photo with others, draw a circle around him/her to insure the correct individual is used in the publication. We regret that we are not able to return photographs submitted.

If you need additional information or assistance in completing the form, please contact our office by telephone at or call for an appointment to come in. Please return the form and photo to our office at the above address by mail or you may personally deliver it so that it is received by the Department on or before . Thank you in advance for your support in assisting us in doing our best to insure that your child(ren) and all other children in Alabama receive the financial support they deserve and need.

Sincerely,

Child Support Worker
County

CONSENT/RELEASE FORM

RE: _____
Obligor Date of Birth

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS: _____

COUNTY: _____ DHR CASE NO.: _____

NUMBER OF CHILDREN: _____ AMOUNT OWED: _____

I, ____, the custodial parent in the above referenced child support case, authorize the Alabama Department of Human Resources Child Support Enforcement Division to publish information concerning the obligor listed, ____, for use in Alabama's "Ten Most Wanted" program. I understand that the information to be published will include (1) the obligor's full name, (2) the county where the obligation is owed, (3) the obligor's date of birth, (4) his/her last known address, (5) the number of children for whom the obligation is owed, (6) the total amount of arrearage owed at the time the information is verified, and (7) a photograph of the obligor furnished by me.

I have also furnished and attached to this form a clear picture of the obligor and have identified it by writing on the back thereof, in my own hand, the obligor's full name and date of birth, along with my signature and my DHR case number. Yes ☐ No ☐

I have reviewed the information filled in at the top of this document, and affirm that it is correct to the best of my knowledge.

I further release the Alabama Department of Human Resources and its Child Support Enforcement Division from any liability for invasion of privacy, defamation, or any other cause of action which might arise from the inclusion of this information in the "Ten Most Wanted" program. It is my understanding that the list and the information contained therein will be submitted to newspapers with general circulation throughout the state, and published on the Department of Human Resources, Child Support Enforcement Division website to locate the obligor responsible and to publicize generally the need of parents to support their children.

Obligee (Custodial Parent) Date

Given under my hand, this _____ day of _____, 2000.

Notary Public

OBLIGOR NOMINATION FOR "TEN MOST WANTED" PROGRAM

Please provide the information requested in the spaces below. Print legibly and clearly or type. This form may be reproduced if needed.

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Physical Description (height, weight, color of eyes and hair, any notable scars, etc.)

Height: _____ Weight: _____ Eye Color: _____

Hair Color: _____ Race: _____ Identifiable Features: _____

Last known address: _____

Date of last known address: _____

Last known employer and/or occupation: _____

Date of last known locate attempt: _____

Number of children and age(s): _____

Arrearage amount (spousal support not included) including interest: _____

Date of calculation: _____

Attach copies of court orders, payment records and photograph.

Additional information. Please state why the obligor should be included in the publication:

Completed by: _____

County: _____

Date: _____

Author:

Statutory Authority:

History: