

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CHATHAM COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

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IN RE *EX REL.* CHILD SUPPORT ESTABLISHMENT,
MODIFICATION AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS
BROUGHT BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT
OF HUMAN SERVICES.

STANDING ORDER AND SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM
ESTABLISHING MANDATORY SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES IN
DHS CHILD SUPPORT CASES

IT APPEARING to the Superior Court judges of the Eastern Judicial Circuit that
The establishment, modification and enforcement of child support obligations is of
paramount importance; and

The Office of Child Support Services is the primary filer of such cases and as such,
thereby has a voluminous caseload; and

The interests of children and parents are best served by a process by which the agency
and the parent reach an agreement on a fair and appropriate award of child support based upon
the Georgia Child Support Guidelines, O.C.G.A. § 19-6-15 et seq.;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the parties in child support cases brought ex rel. by
the Georgia Department of Human Resources be required to participate in a settlement
conference prior to the scheduling of a hearing. To the greatest extent possible, and in keeping
with the Order Establishing Guidelines for In-Person Proceedings (Eastern Judicial Circuit)
entered earlier by this Court, these settlement conferences should be handled as virtual meetings
utilizing remote video conferencing capabilities.

The Department shall duly serve the non-custodial parent(s) with the attached notice of
the time and date of the settlement conference.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the non-custodial parent(s) produce reliable evidence
of income including tax records, pay stubs, benefits received, and other such documents as
demonstrate the party's earnings, assets and expenses.

The Notice of Settlement Conference and Subpoena Duces Tecum (requiring document
production) attached hereto and labeled Exhibit A is hereby incorporated and made the Order of
the Court.

This Order shall be effective on the date of filing.

So Ordered, this 5th day of June 2020.



Penny Haas Freeseemann, Chief Judge
Superior Court, E.J.C. of Georgia

