

# Accountability Court Referral Checklist

Parents must have the ability to work and have no known physical or mental disabilities that prevent them from obtaining and maintaining employment.

To qualify for the program, **ALL** criteria should be met. If they are not, the case is not appropriate for Accountability Court and may be sent back to the referring division.

<input type="checkbox"/> An employment issue has been identified Employment Issue: <input type="checkbox"/> Parent is currently unemployed and has been unemployed for 2-3 months or longer and has not paid in full at least four of the last six court ordered child support payments <b>OR</b> ; <input type="checkbox"/> Parent has difficulty maintaining employment (unable to hold a job for longer than 2 months) and has not paid in full at least four of the last six court ordered child support payments <b>OR</b> ; <input type="checkbox"/> Parent is underemployed or self-employed (working part time, seasonal work or is, overqualified for current job, and/or lacks skills necessary for a better job) and has not paid in full at least four of the last six court ordered child support payments. <b>and</b> ; <input type="checkbox"/> There have been 2 or more findings of contempt in the last 6 months and; <input type="checkbox"/> There is a current Judgment.
<input type="checkbox"/> The Obligor does not have a confirmed or alleged Mental Health issues that would preclude employment.
<input type="checkbox"/> The Obligor has not been awarded Social Security benefits; *
<input type="checkbox"/> The obligor does not have a disability confirmed through an evidentiary hearing or otherwise, that would preclude all employment**.
<input type="checkbox"/> This is <b>not</b> an arrears <b>or</b> Spousal Maintenance only case***.
<input type="checkbox"/> The case is <b>not</b> currently on appeal for child support issues.
<input type="checkbox"/> The Obligor does <b>not</b> have an open bankruptcy case.

\*SSI makes monthly payments to people who have low income and are blind or disabled or age 65 or older. SSD makes monthly payments to people who are age 18 or older; have worked and paid Social Security taxes long enough to qualify; and have a medical condition that has prevented the person from working or is expected to prevent the person from working for at least 12 months or end in death.

\*\*If during Accountability Court a disability is alleged with evidentiary support from a Medical Provider the case and issues will be referred back to the original division.

\*\*\* An arrears only case is one in which there is no ongoing current child support obligation.