

# Survival Tips

## for Child Support Court



### **Dress for Success.**

Courts have dress codes. No shorts, flip flops, tank tops, spaghetti straps, hats or sunglasses.



### **Plan to be at Court all day.**

Arrange to take the day off work or school. Make child care arrangements, knowing you might be at court all day long. Don't schedule doctor's appointments on your court day.



### **Bring Food.**

You can't eat in the courtroom, but you may bring snacks to eat outside. The court does not have a cafeteria or vending machine, and court can take all day, so you'll want to bring something with you.



### **Parking.**

Parking is limited. You might want to take the bus or arrange to have someone bring you to court and pick you up when you're finished.



### **Security.**

You'll go through security when you enter the building. Don't bring any weapons or contraband. You'll need to empty your pockets and remove your belt when you walk through the machine.



### **Children.**

This can be a long day. Discussions about child support, custody and visitation aren't meant for little ears. Arrange for child care, if you can. If you have to bring your children for DNA testing, pack some quiet things for them to play with.

