

Common Questions & Answers on support, nonsupport, and enforcement:

Q. How much support is a servicemember required to provide his or her family members upon the separation of husband and wife?

A. In the absence of a court order or an agreement between the parties, each branch of military service has established its own interim support guidance. These are listed by service under the section of DOD Family Support Guidelines below.

Q. If the servicemember fails to provide support, who should I contact?

A. Contact the servicemember's commanding officer or the installation Inspector General. You may contact the local Legal Assistance office. If a servicemember is under a court order to provide support, you may seek assistance from the local Child Support Enforcement Office. If a written agreement requires support payments, then you may consider suing the servicemember for breach of contract.