

## **STATE DEBT OFFSET**

Under the authority of MCA 17- 4-101 through 17-4-111 the CSED submits past due support debts to the Montana Department of Revenue. The Department of Revenue will hold all or part of any payment due an individual from the state, including state tax refunds, to be applied to a support obligation enforced by the CSED. A state payment may also be offset to pay debts owed to other state agencies. If there is any money left after the support obligation, and debts owed any other state agency, are paid, it will be refunded to the paying parent. A notice from the Montana Department of Revenue is sent to the parent owing support informing them that the amount has been intercepted. If you object to the amount being intercepted, you will have 30 days from the date of the letter to request a hearing on the matter. If, after the 30 days, a hearing has not been requested, the money will be sent to the CSED to be applied to the support obligation. If a hearing is requested, the money will be held by the Department of Revenue until the issue has been resolved. Once resolved, the money will be issued to the parent or to the CSED as determined by the hearing decision.

If you choose to request a hearing, your request must be in writing and include a specific list of reasons why you object to the debt. This request must be received within 30 days from the date of the Department of Revenue intercept notice. You will be notified by the CSED of the date and time of your hearing.