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**LEGAL SERVICES NEWSLETTER PINPOINTS ISSUES FACING THOSE
WHO PAY OR RECEIVE CHILD SUPPORT**

EDISON — The current newsletter of Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ) focuses on child support, which can be a lifeline for children, teens, and young adults.

The bilingual publication, “Looking Out For Your Legal Rights,” may be viewed online at www.lsnjlaw.org/media-center/publications.

The article explores the major aspects of child support regulations, including what steps a parent can take in seeking an end to support when the child no longer is in the “sphere of influence” of the parent. In most cases that is when the child reaches the age of 18, is no longer in school, has no plans to attend college, and is not disabled. The potential for such “emancipation” is particularly strongest if the child has moved out of the custodial parent’s home and is working.

It is noted that a 2025 law eliminated almost all foster care situations from child care. Further, as explained, there are different specific procedures—a court “motion” or “application”—to modify child support decisions.

New Jersey law spells out the circumstances in which child support ends automatically: when the child dies, marries, enters the military, or reaches the age of 19 unless an exception applies. Other topics and questions dealt with in the article include:

- How to request continued support after the age of 19
- Exceptions allowing support to continue past the age of 19 and 23
- What if child support is still owed when the support order terminates?
- What if the support order includes more than one child?

Also included in the publication is an article explaining that a person convicted of a serious sex or labor trafficking crime could have the offense vacated if it occurred as a result of being the victim of the trafficking.

Another piece reminds people between 18 and 64 to check to see if they come under new federal time limits and work requirements for receiving SNAP benefits.

Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ), located in Edison, provides free essential legal aid in civil matters to low-income people.