

"Substantial and continuing" changes that warrant child support modification

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There are many factors that the courts in Arizona may consider when determining child support modification, and whether or not a change is "substantial and continuing," such as:

- A raise or cut in either parents salary or other regular income;
- A change in the custody of a child or change in parenting time;
- Addition of health insurance or a change in the availability of health insurance coverage;
- Obligation of either parent to support other children;
- Additional unexpected medical or educational expenses;
- Additional expenses for special needs of gifted or handicapped children;
- Additional expenses for court-ordered supervised visitation or supervised exchanges;
- Increased cost in caring for the children;

Former spouses who experience changes in their personal lives have a responsibility to make sure the court is aware of their current income or life situation.

Parents can often feel overwhelmed when their orders do not reflect actual changes in their life circumstances. While child support issues can involve a great deal of stress, understanding your legal rights and obligations can alleviate much of this burden.

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