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News about impending economic stimulus payments. Payers of support that owe arrears on their child support cases, should know that their economic stimulus payments that the government has authorized for distribution to tax paying citizens, may be forwarded to FOC to be applied towards arrears.

Information about legal addresses. It is very important that the FOC office has a current legal address for all parties on a case. The FOC office conducts the vast majority of its correspondence via mail, and if we do not have a good, current address, the parties will not receive notices of hearings, copies of results of support reviews, custody evaluations, or income withholding notices. Our office may have money on hold, that will eventually be turned over to the state if a good address cannot be located. It is easy to provide an updated address to the FOC office. The *Change in Personal Information* form is available in our lobby, by phoning our main number and requesting that one be mailed to you, or on our website at www.accesskent.com/foc (on the Forms and Publications page).

Information about confidential addresses. If an FOC client at one time had their address listed as confidential and they no longer desire to have their addresses classified as confidential, they may fill out and submit a Sworn Statement. The Sworn Statement is available by calling our main number and requesting that one be mailed to you, or on our website at www.accesskent.com/foc (on the Forms and Publications page). Questions regarding the impact of having an address no longer listed as confidential should be addressed to a Customer Service Representative at our main number. The Sworn Statement must be notarized.

? Question of the Month: I've heard about a "surcharge" on my account? What is that and how may I be relieved from paying it?

A surcharge works the same as interest (assessed semi-annually in January and July of each year) and is required by law unless: (1) ninety percent of the current charge is paid semi-annually, or (2) a payment plan order is entered by the Court. Cases without a current charge ("arrears only cases") are automatically surcharged if there is no payment plan order. The Court has the authority to discharge surcharges going back to July 2005, and suspend future surcharges, so long as the Court determines that a payment plan order is appropriate and payments are made as provided in the order. To obtain a payment plan order, you need to file a motion with the Court. To assist you, Miscellaneous Motion packets (instructions and forms) for persons representing themselves are available in our lobby, at the Legal Assistance Center (5th floor at the Courthouse), or online at www.accesskent.com/foc under Forms and Publications.