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Under New Jersey law, every parent of a child has a duty to contribute to the care, support, maintenance, and education of that child. The amount and duration of this support obligation depends upon the specific and unique facts of each case.

In the majority of cases, the New Jersey Courts use specific child support guidelines to arrive at a child support award. The purpose of these guidelines is to provide the Court with relevant economic information to assist in the establishment and modification of fair and adequate child support awards.

The premises underlying the New Jersey child support guidelines are that child support is the continuous duty of both parents, that the children are entitled to share in the current income of both parents, and that the children should never be the economic victims of divorce or out-of-wedlock birth. The New Jersey Courts do everything in their power to insure the children residing within the State of New Jersey are not forced to live in poverty because of family disruption and that they be afforded the same opportunities available to children of intact families with parents of similar financial means as their own parents.

While these child support guidelines are used as a rebuttable presumption to establish and modify all child support orders, the Court may deviate from these guidelines if the Court believes that the guidelines are inappropriate in a specific case. The Court is vested with general equity powers which permit this deviation when appropriate.

The Family Law attorneys at Hoagland Longo have available to them all of the resources necessary to help arrive at a fair and adequate support amount for children. We encourage you to contact our family law attorneys to review and discuss the establishment, modification or enforcement of a child support award. This applies to situations in which the potential client is the individual paying the support or the individual receiving the support.