

this did not occur, and Probation continued with \$150 child support amount (now \$180 after cost of living adjustment). Defendant also asserts that because of this incorrect information, Probation began to garnish his Social Security Disability Insurance. Plaintiff disputes the amount that Defendant requested he be credited for child support Ordered.

Therefore, the Court **ORDERS** that the parties attend Economic Mediation to resolve the issue of child support. Counsel are each to submit to the Court a list of no more than three economic mediators they wish to use. The Court will choose a mediator from said lists. This is to be completed within fifteen (15) days of this Order's return date. Should three names not be submitted within such time, the Court will select.

The Court notes that, although Defendant states that Plaintiff should return the money that has been garnished by Probation, this cannot be done. The money at issue is not Plaintiff's but belongs to the parties' children. "It is fundamental that the right to child support belongs to the child and may not be waived by a custodial parent." L.V. v. R.S., 347 N.J. Super. 33, 41, (App. Div. 2002). The Court finds Defendant's request to be inequitable. Moving forward, it is in the best interest of the parties to provide all information during Economic Mediation in order to resolve this matter.

2. Child Support. Defendant's request that Probation discontinue wage garnishment shall be addressed after the parties attend Economic Mediation.

3. Child Support. Defendant's request to modify his child support obligation shall be addressed during Economic Mediation.

4. Parenting Time. Defendant's request for additional parenting time with the parties' son, Max, is **DENIED without prejudice.**