

 Department of Children & Family Services <i>Building a Stronger Louisiana</i>	Division/Section	Family Support
	Chapter No./Name	09 –Child Support Enforcement (CSE)
	Part No./Name	K-Enforcement of Support
	Section No./Name	K-920 Summons
	Document No./Name	K-920 Summons for Contempt for Nonpayment of Child Support Orders or Medical Support Orders
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Pursuant to [R.S. 46:236.6\(A\)](#) and [46:236.7\(B\)](#), if a NCP violates the terms of a court order requiring him/her to pay child support to the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), a representative of the agency as described in [46:236.1.8](#) may issue and serve on the NCP a summons ordering him/her to appear and show cause, on a date which shall be specified by the court, why he/she should not be held in contempt of court.

Prior to or at the hearing, DCFS or the district attorney shall file with the court any summons served and a rule for contempt which shall be served in open court on the NCP, outlining the terms of the original court order for child support and all modifications thereof, along with the allegations asserted to place the NCP in contempt.

If the NCP denies the allegations or offers a defense to the rule, the court may, upon motion of either party or on its own motion, continue the hearing.

In the alternative, a representative of the agency may serve on the NCP a rule to show cause why he/she should not be held in contempt for failing to abide by the previous orders of the court, with the rule setting forth the same terms as in a rule of contempt, if the representative does not serve a summons on the NCP. The rule shall contain a specific time, place and date where the noncustodial parent is to appear to show cause in the answer to the rule.