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Subject: Fastest way to “support now” for housing — what’s real vs. what’s possible today

Nuha,

I get it: you want support now so you can rent now, without headaches. Here’s the straight path:

What’s real today vs. immediate cash

- “Support now” (same-day funds) doesn’t exist in the child support system. CSS can open a case today and start the process, but payments only begin after an order is established or enforced.
- What you can get today is documentation that landlords accept: “CSS case initiated,” father’s recent paystubs, and a verification note from DCFS. These act as proof of pending income and often unlock approvals while the case processes.

Fastest housing-first path (minimal intrusion)

- Call Tyler for a single case note: “Housing stability need; father’s paystubs on file; CSS case initiating today.” No monitoring or testing triggered by this.
- I file the CSS intake now and attach the \$30k paystubs to accelerate calculation.
- I use that paper trail in your Housing Advocate Packet to push approvals on rentals that will accept pending support documentation.

Your decision (pick one and I’ll move)

- A) File CSS now + ask Tyler for the case note. Skip in-person offices. I run everything online and by phone.
- B) File CSS now; hold CalFresh. Housing with Advocate Packet + paystubs.
- C) No benefits filings today; I still proceed with rentals using paystubs + DCFS note.

Why this works for housing

- Landlords often accept “pending support” with pay evidence and an official CSS case number. It’s not cash today, but it’s enough to get an approval in many cases.
- We avoid lines, avoid extra government touchpoints, and keep you and Mia out of any intrusive processes.

If you still want to try the local office today

- Text me before you go. I’ll give you a 3-line script and exact documents to request so you’re in/out quickly, or we’ll pivot if the wait is unreasonable.

Reply with A/B/C and “yes” or “no” for CalFresh online. I’ll move immediately and send the 10-minute checklist for the CSS intake.

With you—housing first, minimal friction, clean documentation.

—Eric