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SUBMISSION (3)

That when a PAYING PARENT is attending a Review with a Child Support. Officer, that the wife/partner of the PAYING PARENT is able to attend the interview in support of her husband/partner.

I submit this from personal experience, and as a STEPMOTHER of the child/ren, that I have a right to support my partner in his interview.

Partners/wives are often in the position of having to go out to work to support the husband/partner to pay his Child Support obligations.

As Step-parents we also care for the children we are supporting.

We deserve to have a "voice" at such proceedings.

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