

# County, State and Federal Child Support Updates

Supreme Court Appointee Presentation

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# Highlights

- Brief Title IV-D Program Overview
- State legislative updates on the horizon
- County Programming Trends

# IV-D Program Overview

## Authority and Funding

- Title IV-D of the Social Security Act
  - Program standards and measurement
  - Reimbursement funding
- State Law and State System
  - ORC/OAC/Caselaw
- Ohio's IV-D program
  - State supervised, county administered
  - County administration may be Court, Prosecutor or County Commissioner run

- Families in the IV-D program

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|-----------------|-----------|
| Cases           | 881,289   |
| Children        | 1,109,263 |
| Obligors        | 869,114   |
| Parent Obligees | 740,352   |
| Caretakers      | 120,236   |

# Federal Notes

- Mission Statement
  - Increase the reliability of child support paid by parents when they live apart from their children by: • Locating parents • Establishing legal fatherhood (paternity) • Establishing and enforcing fair support orders • Increasing health care coverage for children • Removing barriers to payment, such as referring parents to employment services, supporting healthy co-parenting relationships, supporting responsible fatherhood, and helping to prevent and reduce family violence
- Policy and Funding
  - federal funding for the program fell 10 percent between FY 2010 and FY 2013. Since FY 2013, federal funding has generally increased, but it is still about 4 percent below its FY 2008 level. (as of FFY '16)
  - In depth numbers analysis has not yet available for the recently passed budget
  - The federal HHS budget in brief indicates a commitment to utilizing human services programs to “encourage” self-sufficiency. The document discusses the cycle of poverty and includes encouragement to states to reform child support program engagement with noncustodial parents with a focus on barriers to sustained employment.

# State Legislation: Technical Fixes

- Child Support Reform Shareholders' Group recommendations 2002
- Non-controversial components with a focus on consistency, process streamlining & closure of loopholes
- Changes of note
  - Admin process objection periods 14 days from issuance
  - Ability to establish support administratively for mothers to pay
  - Shortened Review and Adjustment and Termination processes
- SB 70 signed by the governor 2/8/2018; effective 90 days
- 9 month delayed implementation period – eff. 2/9/2019

# State Legislation: Child Support Guidelines

- Guidelines Overview
- Guidelines Commission
- Bill components
  - Economic tables or “schedules”
  - The math
    - Cash medical
    - Child care
    - Multiple family orders
    - Parenting time
  - Process updates
    - Simplified worksheet/manual
    - Moving the tables to OAC
- GA132
  - SB 125, Primary Sponsor Senator Beagle, reported by Senate Judiciary Committee on 11/29/2017
  - HB 366, Primary Sponsor Rep Gavarone, reported by House Committee on Community and Family Advancement on 2/1/2018

# County Programming

- Fatherhood Focused
- Criminal Justice focused
- Employment Initiatives
- Early Intervention
- Grant Programs – Procedural Justice; CS Workforce; Behavioral Science

**Thank you  
for your time!**

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