

Child Support It's a Great Investment

FUTURE

The Child Support Program is moving toward the development of family centered programs.

These programs expand our core mission of establishing parentage, establishing cash and medical support obligations, location, enforcement and modification of orders.

The identification of obligor parents into those that are not willing, but able to pay from those that are willing but unable to pay is the first step.

For those that are willing, but unable to pay, we want to use collaborative partnerships for work supports, parenting time establishment, early intervention and consistent messaging.

For those that are unwilling, but able to pay, we will utilize existing enforcement tools and increased personal contact in lieu of primarily written correspondence.

Both strategies require additional resources for staff and technology.

Family Benefits

1 in 3 children are affected by this program. Only public education directly affects more children

Over 40% of children in Ohio are born out of wedlock every year, leading to over 56,000 paternities being established in FFY12

Child support collections equal 39% of funds for low income families and child support collections lower poverty by 25%

Economic Impacts

The Ohio GRF retained \$26.8 million in child support collections & \$7.5 million in medical collections in FFY12

For every \$1 invested in the child support program by the state or county, a child support agency can get \$2 additional federal dollars

Through Child Support IV-D contracts, over \$28 million has been sent to County GRF to offset the costs of courts, law enforcement and clerks for providing required services

Ohio's Child Support Program collects \$7.31 for every dollar expended & for every \$4 expended on child support, \$5 is saved in other public programs

Thousands of employers and insurance administrators interact with child support agencies in implementing withholding orders and insurance enrollments

If an order is established for a family receiving IV-A or IV-E assistance, they will go off those benefits almost twice as fast as those with no order.

Current Support Collections by Order Amount

Amount of Monthly Order	Less than \$75.00	\$75.00 - \$249.99	More than \$250.00
Percent of Monthly Order Paid	30.02%	42.90%	74.74%

Program Efficiencies

Through partnerships and collaborations, we have reduced the number of our obligors in state prisons & county jails, improved services to those parents re-entering our communities, and helped obligors with parenting skills and employment opportunities

Administrative processes utilized by CSEAs preserve valuable court time for contested actions

We continue to expand automation and opportunities for easier access to our offices and to information

Insight into Ohio's Child Support Funding

UPDATE

HB59 provided stable funding for county agencies that provide direct services to nearly **1 million** Ohio families.

We have a vision for the future of the child support program in Ohio. In order for us to achieve our vision, we need **additional** resources to dedicate to staff, technology and collaborative services that will support our new initiatives.

We ask for your assistance in identifying these needed resources in order to make this vision a reality.

Child Support Funding Sources

- In FFY11, Ohio expended \$256 million dollars for all child support operations, state and local. In FFY12, county CSEAs expended \$149 million dollars. This represented a 31% reduction in spending in the past four years and a 28% reduction in staff.
- Federal financial participation dollars from the federal government generated approximately \$130 million for operations.
- Earned federal incentives currently generate approximately \$29 million annually. Ninety percent of the earned amount goes to the county CSEAs and ten percent is retained by the state for statewide projects.
- County general revenue fund contributions, including direct contributions to CSEAs and indirect contributions for total county operations required by the program, total over \$20 million annually.
- State general revenue fund contribution, also known as the child support administrative match, provided local offices with \$23.8 million in SFY11/12. ***In SFY11/12, County CSEA activities returned an average of \$34.3 million to the Ohio General Revenue Fund.***
- Administrative fees paid by the obligors provide net funding of approximately \$10 million annually.

Sources of Information from Front and Back

** Congressional Budget Office, Federal Office of Budget & Management, Federal Research Service, Health & Human Services Office of Child Support

** Urban Institute

** Ohio Department of Job & Family Services, Office of Child Support

** ACF/OCSE