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Bizarre Behavior by States and How to Overcome it!

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Culture clashes exist from state to state.

Are your conflicts based on processes?

How other states approach their cases, differing state laws, or something else?

How do different jurisdictions handle interest on interstate cases?

What are some of the unique practices that some states use, both administrative and judicial?

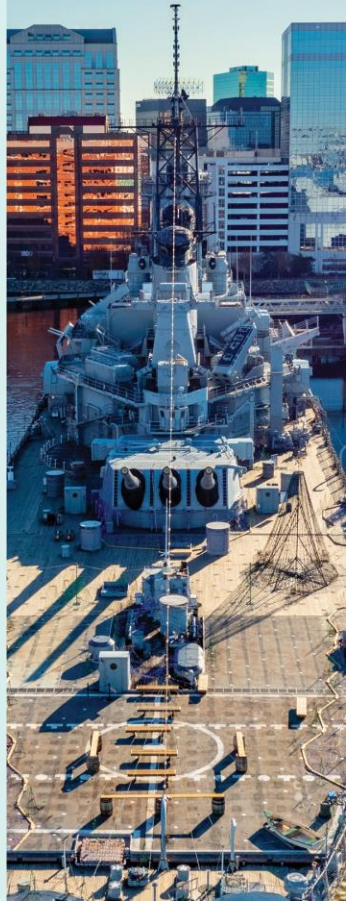
Please come prepared to share how your policies and procedures impact how you work your intergovernmental child support cases.

We would like this to be a very interactive session and would love to hear some of your issues that you have come across and how you deal with them.



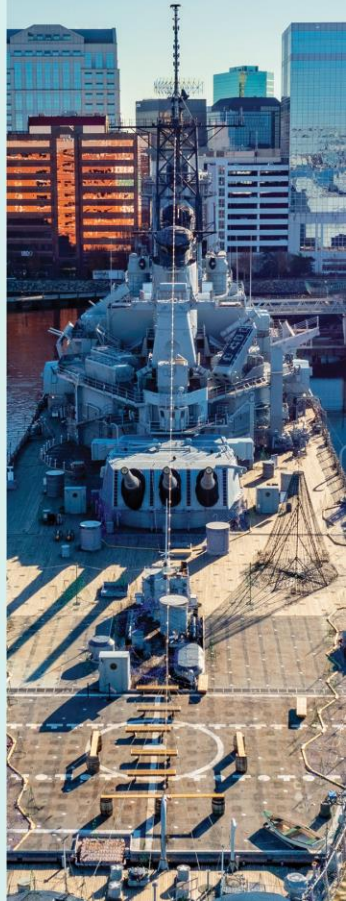
Foster Care Cases

- Anything different that your state does for foster care cases?
 - TN does one child per case even with the same absent parents.
 - MI order follows the child so they would redirect support to the new caretaker.
- Are there issues regarding foster care cases?



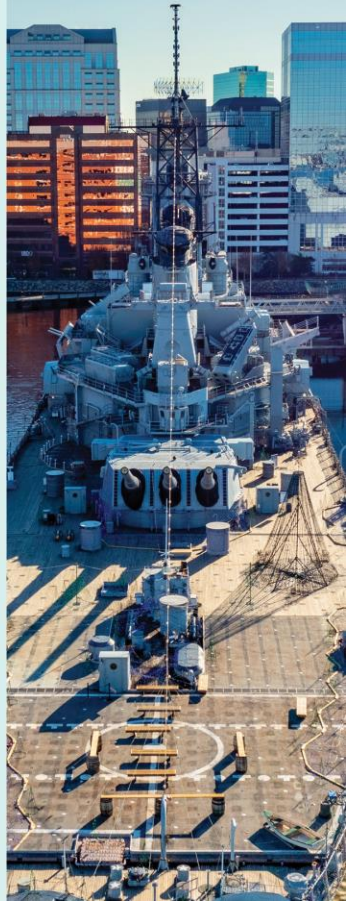
Interest

- Does your state charge interest?
 - IN can but most cases do not
 - MI doesn't usually charge
- Do you enforce interest?
 - IN if in the order will enforce
 - MI will enforce



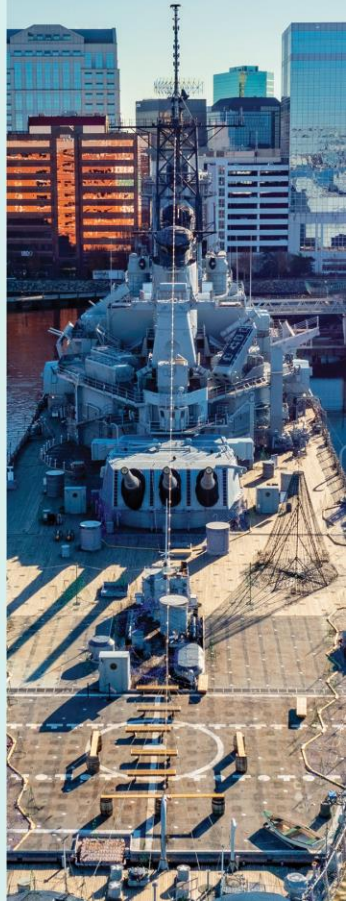
How does your state handle additional medical expenses?

- Is this included in your orders?
 - MI has a separate medical amount in their orders.
 - IN loads a separate sub account in the system.
- Does a person need to have a certain amount accrued before you can get a medical judgment?
 - IN and TN percentage the person bring into the home is how much of the expense they owe.
- Do you collect other state's medical expenses?
 - Yes, Susan says your supposed to.



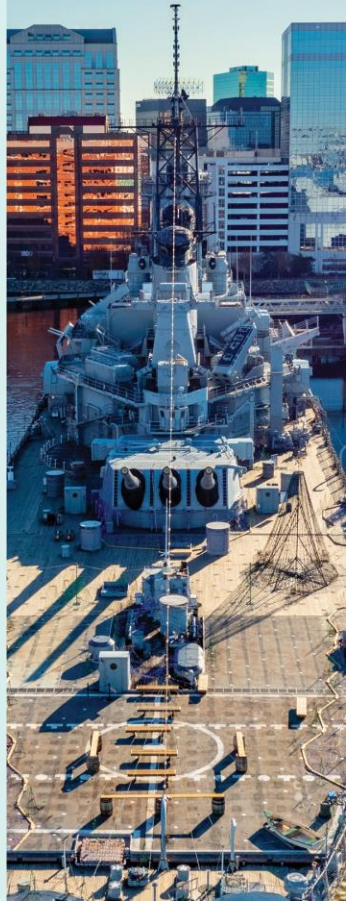
Split Parenting Situations

- Mom has one child and Dad has two children. Dad is in one state and Mom is in another state. How would your states handle this?
 - TN- Income shares worksheet
 - IN- Figure up both parties' obligations and subtract to create an amount for the higher obligations.
 - One parent would be ordered to pay a certain amount and the other party would be ordered to pay a different amount.



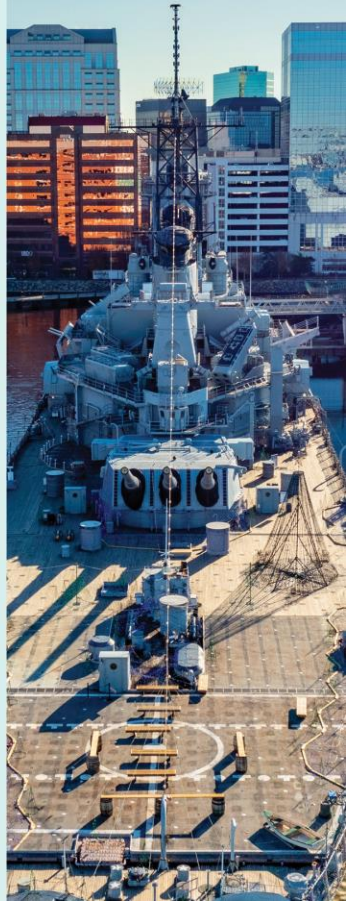
Paternity Case with a Deceased Alleged father

- Get the coroner's blood card and test that?
 - IN, MI and TN- will do the blood card
- Do you serve a relative?
 - IN- cannot order a relative to submit to DNA
 - TN- ask for them to submit
- Go to court and establish paternity?
 - IN- yes
 - MI- serve the estate



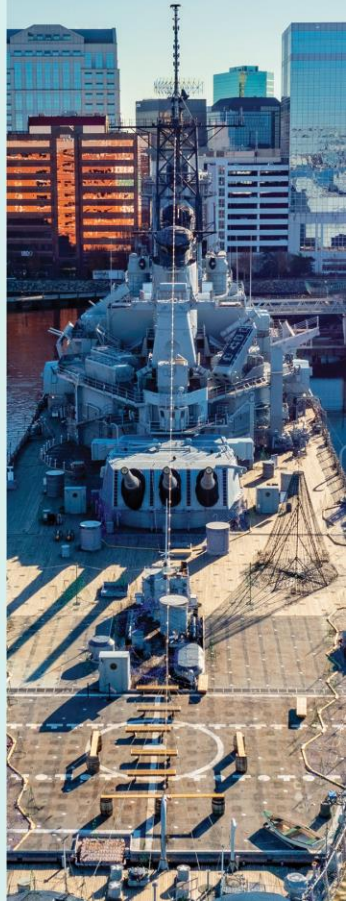
What is required when sending DNA results?

- Entire chain of custody including Polaroid
- Results from a verified lab



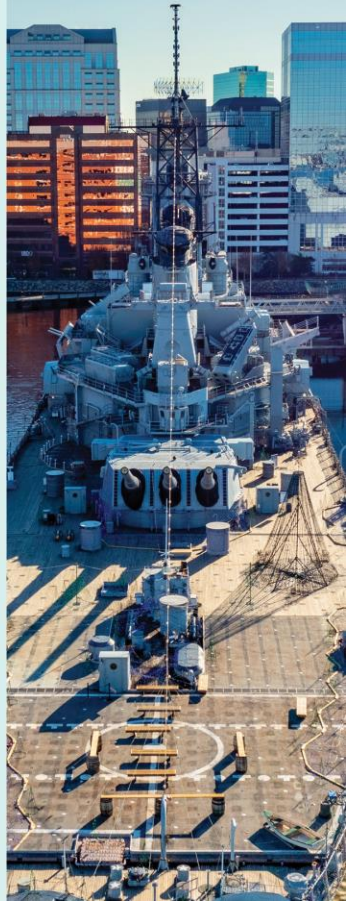
Birth Records

- Maryland will not provide a copy of the VAoP without court order.
- IN is unable to get copies of Birth Certificates.



Do you accept packets from non-Hague countries?

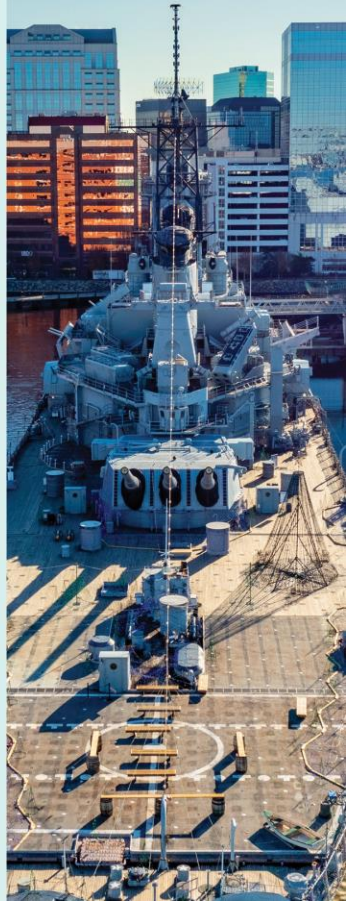
- IN- try to do them as if the cp applied directly and send money through the consulate
- MI- yes, several from Mexico
- Have received some from Chile, Brazil and Cuba and will try to move forward.



Electronic Court Filings

Does your state/office do electronic court filings?

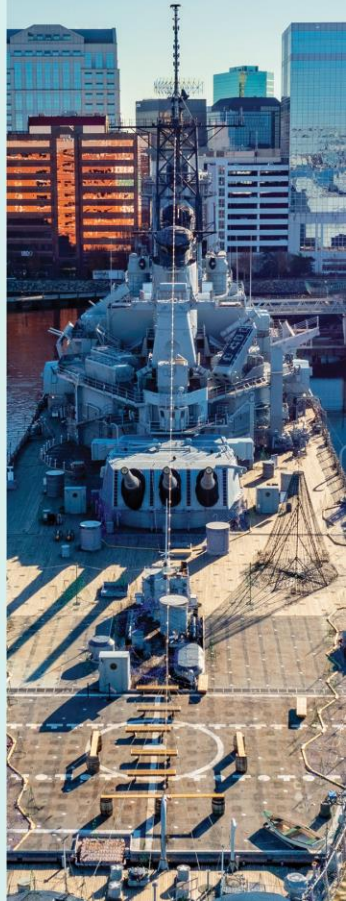
- Any problems that you have experienced with electronic court filings?
 - IN- has no problems
 - MI- slowly rolling it out across the state
 - TN- similar to Michigan



Legal Marijuana

Legal Marijuana has a large workforce that include a lot of cash payments.

- Do you all accept cash payments either through a kiosk or court clerk or do they need to pay on their own?
 - IN- Take cash payments
 - TN- Kiosks across the state and court clerks
 - MI- will do Pay Near Me
- How does your local “budtender” make a payment?
 - Only MI has legal marijuana currently in this group
 - Can do online through bank account or Pay Near Me



Debt Forgiveness

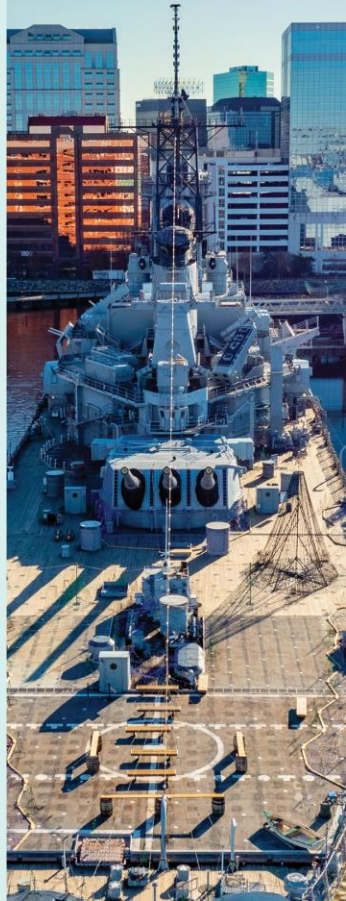
Do your states do debt forgiveness?

IN- Debt forgiveness MOU was not renewed so only the Attorney General and Governor can forgive state owed arrears.

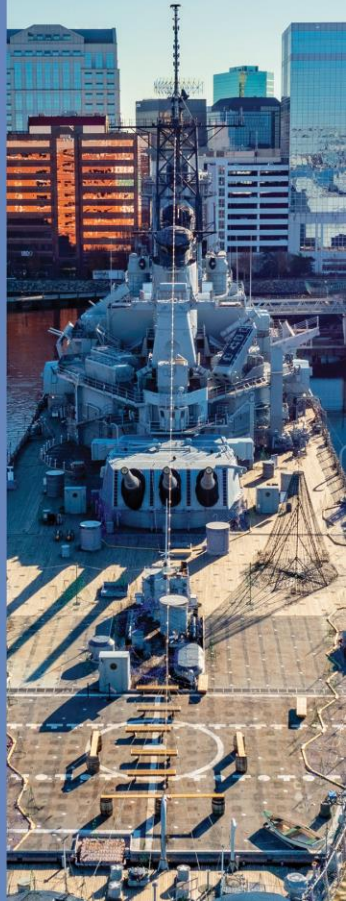
IN-stopped collecting Medicaid birth expenses 7/30/2012

TN- We do debt forgiveness if obligor has paid for a year and the parties agreed.

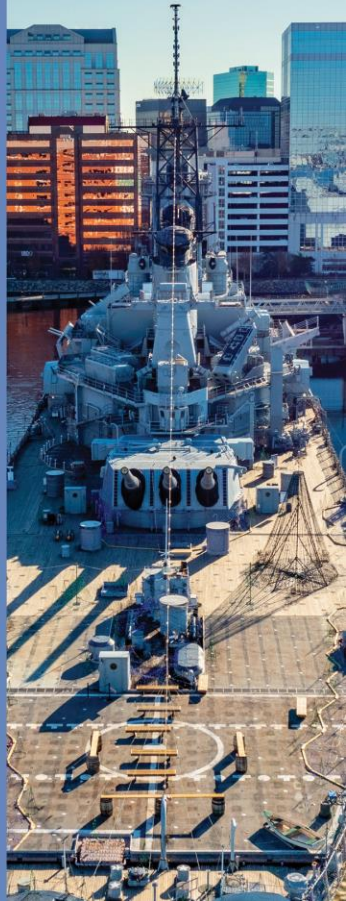
MI- through a payment plan process. Has to be approved. Also started forgiving birthing expenses to the state.



Issues that have been submitted
through the conference app:



Any final questions or thoughts?



Thank you for attending our session!

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