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Rob Velcoff, host & writer



“Celebrities”:

Diane Potts – “Elle Woods”

Nick Palos – “Willie Nelson”

Sharon Pizzuti – “Alexander Hamilton”

Loretta Everett – “Dolly Parton”

Not the emu.

Ray Civitella – “Doug”, the Liberty Mutual guy

Teddy Andreopoulos – “Maria Callas”

Tammy Pearson – “Billie Eilish”

John Hurst – “Bob Dylan”

Susan Smith – “Jesse Cole”

He started the nonprofit Bananas Foster, which focuses on supporting the foster care community. He also owns the Savannah Bananas baseball team.



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ACF-OCSE-DCL-25-08, Data Reliability Audit Requirements – FY 2025, dated August 12, 2025

Section 452(a)(4)(C)(i) of the Social Security Act requires the OCSS Office of Audit (OA) to conduct audits of states and territories at least once every three years to determine the reliability of the performance standards used to calculate incentive payments. OA evaluates the completeness, reliability, and security of performance indicator data reported by the states and the accuracy of the reporting systems used in calculating the performance indicators. This requires electronic files from each state that contain the complete, unduplicated child support case universe as of September 30, 2025, including:

- All open IV-D cases
- Closed cases
- Non-IV-D cases
- Audit trails for each line on the OCSE-157 used to compute performance indicators

<https://acf.gov/css/policy-guidance/data-reliability-audit-requirements-fy-2025>

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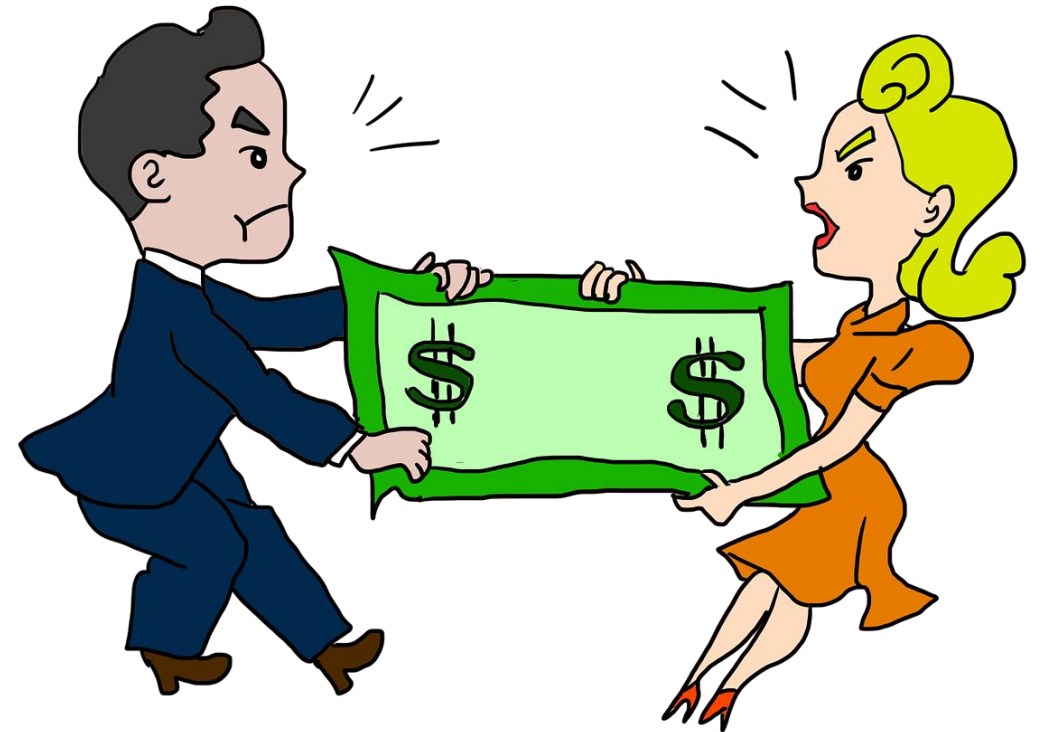
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OCSE, CAP marks \$10 million milestone, dated July 28, 2025

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<https://acf.gov/css/news/cap-marks-10-million-milestone-chirp>

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ACF-OCSE-AT-26-01, Standard Intergovernmental Child Support Enforcement Forms – Expire Jan. 31, 2029, publication date January 21, 2026

The Office of Management and Budget approved all 13 Intergovernmental Child Support Enforcement forms and instructions (OMB No. 0970-0085) without change for use in intergovernmental case processing. The new expiration date is January 31, 2029.

The intergovernmental forms include: Child Support Agency Confidential Information Form; Child Support Locate Request; Declaration in Support of Establishing Parentage; General Testimony and Instructions; Letter of Transmittal Requesting Registration; Notice of Determination of Controlling Order; Personal Information Form for UIFSA § 311; Child Support Agency Request for Change of Support Payment Location Pursuant to UIFSA § 319; Child Support Enforcement Transmittal #1 — Initial Request; Child Support Enforcement Transmittal #1 — Initial Request Acknowledgment; Child Support Enforcement Transmittal #2 — Subsequent Actions; Child Support Enforcement Transmittal #3 — Request for Assistance/Discovery; Uniform Support Petition.

<https://acf.gov/css/policy-guidance/standard-intergovernmental-child-support-enforcement-forms-expire-jan-31-2029>

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NOT A
VALID
ANSWER!

**"Ray Civitella takes
my breath away!"**

Said no one ever!!!



ANSWER #4

A

Code of Federal Regulations, § 307.11(e)(2), Functional requirements for computerized support enforcement systems in operation by October 1, 2000

- (2) The State case registry shall contain a record of:
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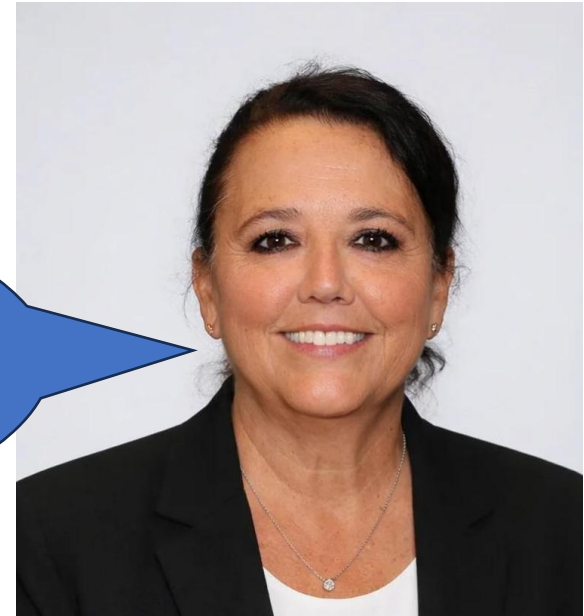
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You know, option D has absolutely nothing to do with the question that was asked!



NOT A
VALID
ANSWER!

ANSWER #5

B

OCSE, Employer Responsibilities, the Employer's Role in the Child Support Program, published January 2024, current as of May 1, 2025

When you receive a National Medical Support Notice, you must:

- Determine whether any category in the “Employer Response” section applies.
- Forward Part B to your Plan Administrator if the children are eligible for coverage.
- Notify the agency if the enrollment cannot be completed.

https://acf.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ocse/employers_role.pdf

QUESTION #6

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“When you said ‘99 years old’, why was everyone looking at me??? I’m not that old! Even if this is a picture of my next birthday cake. But at least I’m younger than Rob!!!”



ANSWER #6

B

OCSE IRG, 2. Duration of Support

1. What is the duration of support in your state? Include the age of majority when the support obligation ends in the absence of other factors. Include your state's statutory citation(s).

AGE OF CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR SUPPORT. The court shall order either party or both to pay for the support of any child of the parties who is less than 18 years old, or any child of the parties who is less than 19 years old if the child is pursuing an accredited course of instruction leading to the acquisition of a high school diploma or its equivalent. Wis. Stat. § 767.511 (4). <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/767/VI/511/4>

<https://ocsp.acf.hhs.gov/irg/profile/displayResults>

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I'm not saying
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...IF YOU WERE
WHISKY
YOU WOULD BE REALLY
EXPENSIVE.

ANSWER #7

C

OCSS Preliminary Report, FY 2024, Table P-52, Total Caseload for Five Consecutive Fiscal Years, p. 58

2024 = 11,646,025
2023 = 12,054,010
2022 = 12,300,110
2021 = 12,665,871
2020 = 13,203,628

https://acf.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ocse/fy_2024_preliminary_report.pdf

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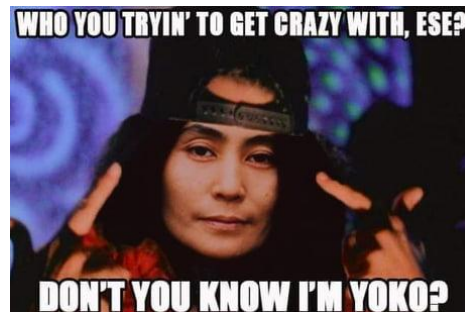
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Code of Federal Regulations, § 303.6(c)(4), Enforcement of support obligations

(c) Enforcing the obligation by:

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<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-45/subtitle-B/chapter-III/part-303>

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Understanding the Neighborhood Contexts of Custodial and Noncustodial Parents in the Child Support System, by Megan Doherty Bea, Judith Bartfeld, and Alison Berube, CSRA-2022-2024-T8, published December 2024

We find mixed relationships between neighborhood contexts and NCP child support compliance rates. After accounting for individual-level demographic and economic characteristics, we find that neighborhood amenities are not generally associated with NCP child support compliance rates, but better-resourced and higher-income neighborhoods are associated with higher compliance among non-Hispanic white fathers specifically. Living 50 miles or further from a child support agency is associated with lower compliance rates. Further, experiencing a residential move within the first year of the order is also associated with lower compliance rates.

<https://www.irp.wisc.edu/resource/understanding-the-neighborhood-contexts-of-custodial-and-noncustodial-parents-in-the-child-support-system/>

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"LEAVE
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Please help me
with my child
support case.



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How Is Child Support Regularity Associated with Custodial Mothers' Employment? Evidence from the United States, by Laura Cuesta and Alejandra Ros Pilarz, published May 2024

Custodial mothers experience high rates of poverty and income volatility in the United States. Emerging evidence suggests that the regularity of child support is positively associated with the regularity of family income and ability to meet basic needs. However, we know little about how child support regularity matters for mothers' employment. In this study, we examine the associations between child support regularity and custodial mothers' employment in a nationally representative US sample covering 1997–2019. We find that regular child support receipt, versus no receipt, is associated with increases in part-time employment and decreases in full-time employment but find no associations with annual weeks worked or earnings. Among employed mothers, we also find increases in job stability within the year. We find some heterogeneity in these associations by maternal education and age of youngest child. Our findings suggest that child support regularity might support mothers' stable part-time employment without compromising earnings.

<https://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/abs/10.1086/730169?journalCode=ssr>

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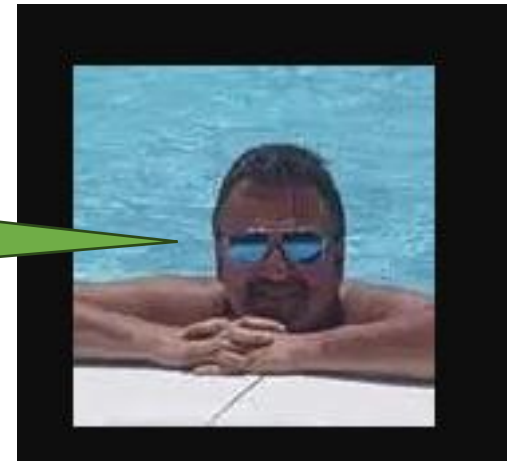
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Which includes
anyone with taste.

HEY!!!



ANSWER #11

B

Public Law 98-378, which may be cited as the “Child Support Enforcement Amendments of 1984”, August 16, 1984

This federal law mandates that all child support orders include provisions for automatic wage deduction unless both parties agree otherwise, or a court decides to waive this requirement. The amendments were reinforced by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, which further solidified the requirement for automatic wage deductions for child support orders.

<https://www.congress.gov/98/statute/STATUTE-98/STATUTE-98-Pg1305.pdf>

QUESTION #12

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ERICSA, Past Presidents

In order from most to least with at least one conference in that state:

Florida – 7, Georgia – 5, Louisiana – 4, Missouri – 4, Pennsylvania – 4, Kentucky – 3, Maine – 3, Tennessee – 3, Virginia – 3, Maryland – 2, Michigan – 2, North Carolina – 2, New Jersey – 2, New York – 2, South Carolina – 2, Alabama – 1, Connecticut – 1, Delaware – 1, Iowa – 1, Illinois – 1, Indiana – 1, Massachusetts – 1, Ohio – 1, Puerto Rico – 1, Texas – 1, Virgin Islands – 1, Wisconsin – 1 (right now!).
Plus 2 virtual conferences.

<https://ericsa.org/past-presidents/>

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After determining that location is necessary, states must access all appropriate location sources and ensure that location information is sufficient to take the next appropriate action in a case within no more than how many calendar days?

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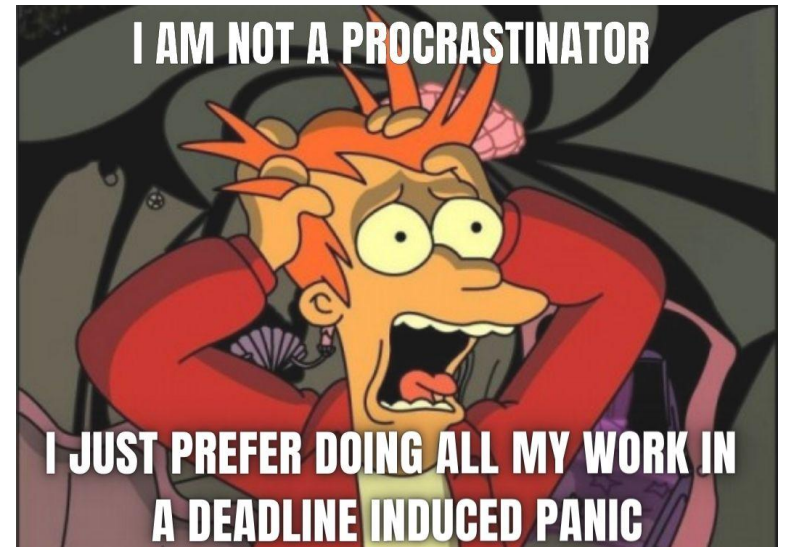
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C

Code of Federal Regulations, § 303.3(b)(3), Location of noncustodial parents in IV-D cases

Within no more than 75 calendar days of determining that location is necessary, access all appropriate location sources and ensure that location information is sufficient to take the next appropriate action in a case.

<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-45/subtitle-B/chapter-III/part-303>

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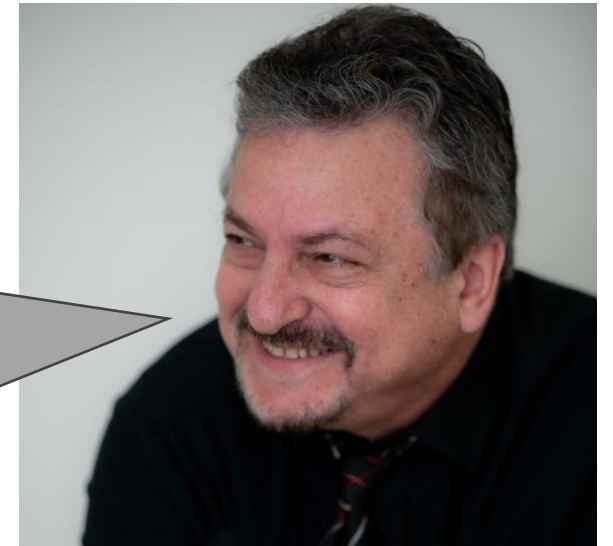
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“I can
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one, Rob.”

“Et tu,
Diane?!?”



ANSWER #14

B

Code of Federal Regulations, § 303.5(b), Establishment of paternity

(b) The IV-D agency need not attempt to establish paternity in any case involving incest or forcible rape, or in any case in which legal proceedings for adoption are pending, if, in the opinion of the IV-D agency, it would not be in the best interests of the child to establish paternity.

<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-45/subtitle-B/chapter-III/part-303>

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OCSE, Family Violence, Domestic Violence Awareness
Tear Sheet Flyers, current as of February 4, 2026

These domestic violence awareness tear sheet flyers let survivors easily grab contact info for the National Domestic Violence Hotline to call for confidential support and safety tools.

<https://acf.gov/css/child-support-professionals/working/family-violence>
https://acf.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ocse/dv_tear_sheets_english.pdf

QUESTION #16

The federal office of Health and Human Services (HHS) has recently adopted 2 CFR 200, which deals with which of the following?

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A: A new guidelines formula that ensures that payments are more closely aligned with a parent's income, reducing the financial burden on lower-income payers.

QUESTION #16

B: A new systems modernization recommendation that outlines specific requirements, particularly in the areas of electronic payment processing and fiscal timeframes.

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C: The uniform administrative requirements, cost principles, and audit requirements for grant awards.

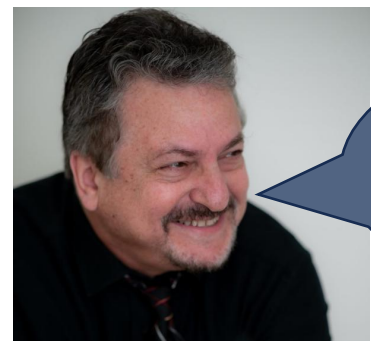
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The federal office of Health and Human Services (HHS) has recently adopted 2 CFR 200, which deals with which of the following?

- A: A new guidelines formula that ensures that payments are more closely aligned with a parent's income, reducing the financial burden on lower-income payers.
- B: A new systems modernization recommendation that outlines specific requirements, particularly in the areas of electronic payment processing and fiscal timeframes.
- C: The uniform administrative requirements, cost principles, and audit requirements for grant awards.
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Okay, Sharon, not you. Or Diane. Or Teddy. Or Susan. Or Loretta. Or Tammy. But all of the rest of them!

Does that include me, Rob?



ANSWER #16



OCSE, Child Support Professionals, HHS Adopts 2 CFR 200, and Award FAQs, current as of November 14, 2025

HHS fully adopts 2 CFR 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for grant awards beginning Oct. 1, 2025. Prior to the full adoption, certain flexibilities are allowed effective Oct. 1, 2024.

<https://acf.gov/css/child-support-professionals>

<https://acf.gov/faq/grants-faqs>

QUESTION #17

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I agree with Rob on this one.



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The Hill, State Department to revoke more passports from people who haven't paid child support, 2026

The State Department is planning to revoke more passports from people with large amounts of outstanding unpaid child support. Individuals who owe more than \$100,000 will be among the first groups targeted by the State Department for passport revocation, a U.S. official told the Associated Press. Those who enroll in a payment plan could avoid revocation.

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/other/state-department-to-revoke-more-passports-from-people-who-haven-t-paid-child-support/ar-AA1Wa6il?ocid=BingNewsSerp>

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IRS, Alimony, child support, court awards, damages;
Frequently asked questions

Question: Are child support payments or alimony payments considered taxable income?
Answer: - No. Child support payments are not subject to tax. Child support payments are not taxable to the recipient (and not deductible by the payer). When you calculate your gross income to see whether you're required to file a tax return, don't include child support payments received.

<https://www.irs.gov/faqs/interest-dividends-other-types-of-income/alimony-child-support-court-awards-damages/alimony-child-support-court-awards-damages-1>

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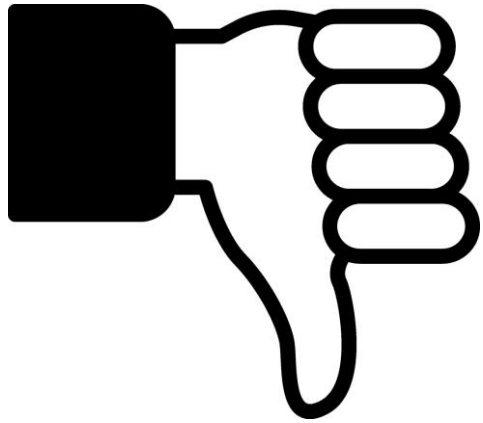
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BOO!



AWFUL!!!



TERRIBLE!

ANSWER #19

C

OCSS Preliminary Report, FY 2024, Table P-22, Collections Sent to Other States, p. 28

Top Ten: Florida – \$108,397,949; Texas – \$107,031,017; New York – \$97,286,952; California – \$77,708,743; Georgia – \$65,629,154; Illinois – \$48,615,046; New Jersey – \$44,767,493; Pennsylvania – \$43,695,463; North Carolina – \$40,762,495; Virginia – \$40,319,352.

https://acf.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ocse/fy_2024_preliminary_report.pdf

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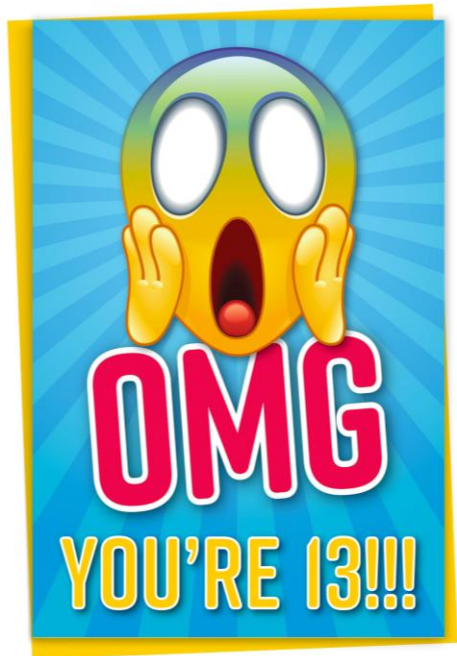
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OCSS Preliminary Report, FY 2024, Table P-16, Net Undistributed Collections for Five Consecutive Fiscal Years, p. 22

2024 = \$676,886,977
2023 = \$726,585,524
2022 = \$719,287,015
2021 = \$853,931,666
2020 = \$1,098,120,176

https://acf.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ocse/fy_2024_preliminary_report.pdf

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B: Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act (URESAs)

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C: Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act (FFCCSOA)

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ANSWER #21

C

28 U.S. Code § 1738B - Full faith and credit for child support orders (10/20/94)

(i) REGISTRATION FOR MODIFICATION.

If there is no individual contestant or child residing in the issuing State, the party or support enforcement agency seeking to modify, or to modify and enforce, a child support order issued in another State shall register that order in a State with jurisdiction over the nonmovant for the purpose of modification.

<https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/28/1738B>

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Lucky you!
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Once is bad
enough, but
twice!?!
Ahhh!!!!!!



ANSWER #22



OCSE, 2024 Tribal Child Support Infographic,
“Providing Support for Our Families”, dated July 8, 2025

New tribal infographic shares FY24 data. In FY 2024, OCSS approved three new tribal programs – the first additions since 2018 – bringing the total number to 63. Tribal child support programs collected \$50 million and served over 57,000 children. Find key statistics in the 2024 tribal infographic (PDF).

https://acf.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ocse/2024_tribal_infographic.pdf

<https://acf.gov/css/news/new-tribal-infographic-shares-fy24-data-chirp>

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OCSS Preliminary Report, FY 2024, Table P-85, Total Amount of Arrearages Due for All Fiscal Years for Five Consecutive Years, p. 91

2024 = \$115,729,967,634

2023 = \$115,136,974,885

2022 = \$114,117,117,525

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OCSE, Tribal Child Support Program Start-Up Application Guide

The time needed to establish and prepare to offer child support services is known as the start-up period. A tribe or tribal organization typically needs time to meet program requirements described in 45 CFR 309.65(a), such as developing policies and procedures, revising or adopting tribal code, hiring and training staff, etc. Start-up funding is provided to tribes and tribal organizations whose application demonstrates that the tribe will be ready to operate a full, comprehensive child support program within two years of approval.

https://acf.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ocse/Start-up%20Guide_Final2024.pdf

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NOT A
VALID
ANSWER!



ANSWER #25



OCSE Insurance Match Program, current as of March 24, 2025

Who Participates in the Program?

- All states and territories
- Over 2,000 insurance companies
- 28 state workers' compensation agencies
- U.S. Department of Labor

Highlights

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https://acf.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ocse/ocse_insurance_match_program_fact_sheet.pdf

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OCSE, New Hire Reporting Makes a Difference!, FY 2024 Statistics

- > Employers reported 66 million new and rehired employees.
- > \$21.8 billion in child support collections came from employers withholding income from paychecks.

QUESTION #27

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OCSE IRG, question 3. Program Category: Statute of Limitations

1. What is your state's statute of limitations for the collection of past-due support?
2. What is your state's statute of limitations for the establishment of paternity/parentage?
3. Is dormancy revival/renewal possible?
4. Can the statute of limitation for enforcement be extended or waived?

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A

Code of Federal Regulations, § 303.11(b)(7), Functional requirements for computerized support enforcement systems in operation by October 1, 2000

7. The noncustodial parent's location is unknown, and the State has made diligent efforts using multiple sources, in accordance with § 303.3, all of which have been unsuccessful, to locate the noncustodial parent:

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<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-45/subtitle-B/chapter-III/part-303>

QUESTION #29

How much child support money was sent to families or foster care in 2024?

QUESTION #29

A: \$65 billion

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B: \$45 billion

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ANSWER #29

C

OCSS Preliminary Report, FY 2024, Table P-31, Payments to Families or Foster Care for Five Consecutive Fiscal Years, p. 37

2024 = \$24,991,793,931

2023 = \$24,961,439,536

2022 = \$25,513,751,921

2021 = \$27,249,972,068

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https://acf.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ocse/fy_2024_preliminary_report.pdf

QUESTION #30

What year were federal incentive payments first linked to effective performance in paternity establishment, order establishment, current support collected, cases paying past-due support, and cost effectiveness?

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B

Public Law 105-200, which may be cited as the “Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998”, 7/16/1998

The five federal performance measure are:

- Paternity establishment: states are required to demonstrate a high percentage of paternity establishments for children born out of wedlock.
- Order establishment: states must establish and enforce child support orders effectively.
- Current support collections: states are expected to collect current child support payments efficiently.
- Arrears collections: states are required to collect past-due child support payments.
- Cost-effectiveness: states must demonstrate that their child support programs are cost-effective.

<https://www.congress.gov/105/statute/STATUTE-112/STATUTE-112-Pg645.pdf>

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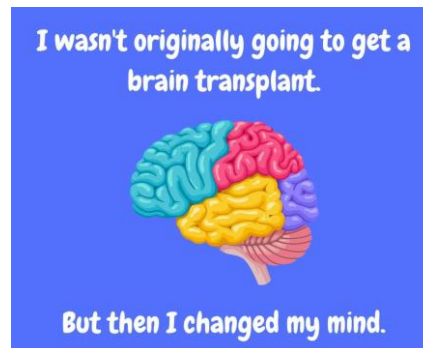
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ANSWER #31

A

Code of Federal Regulations, § 308.1(b), Self-assessment implementation methodology

(b) ***Sampling.*** A State must either review all of its cases or conduct sampling which meets the following conditions:

- (1) The sampling methodology maintains a minimum confidence level of 90 percent for each criterion;
- (2) The State selects statistically valid samples of cases from the IV-D program universe of cases; and
- (3) The State establishes a procedure for the design of samples and assures that no portions of the IV-D case universe are omitted from the sample selection process.

<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-45/subtitle-B/chapter-III/part-308>

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NOT A
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ANSWER #32



OCSE, “When is a child support case eligible for the Federal Tax Refund Offset Program?” and “How does the Federal Tax Refund Offset Program handle interstate cases?”, current as of April/May 2025

For cases in the child support program, the Federal Tax Refund Offset Program collects past-due support payments from the tax refunds of parents who owe support. The child support agency will submit your case to the Federal Tax Refund Offset Program if it meets either of these criteria: The custodial parent receives benefits under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program and the noncustodial parent owes at least \$150 in arrears; or The custodial parent does not receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits and the noncustodial parent owes at least \$500 in arrears. The state where the custodial parent lives submits the debt for Federal Tax Refund Offset. In cases where the noncustodial parent owes a support debt to more than one state, each state submits its case for offset. The noncustodial parent receives a separate notice for each state's debt, and has the right to contest each state's debt amount.

<https://acf.gov/css/faq/case-eligible-federal-tax-refund-offset-program>
<https://acf.gov/css/faq/how-does-federal-tax-refund-offset-program-handle-interstate-case>

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OCSE, Intergovernmental Forms Matrix

For cases with existing orders from another jurisdiction (not the responding state):

- Register, modify, and enforce
- Register, modify, then close the intergovernmental IV-D case
 1. Child Support Enforcement Transmittal #1 – Initial Request (Check action 4.B or C.)
 2. Child Support Agency Confidential Information Form
 3. Letter of Transmittal Requesting Registration
 4. Uniform Support Petition
 5. General Testimony
 6. Personal Information Form for UIFSA § 311

https://acf.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ocse/intergovernmental_forms_matrix.pdf

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QUESTION #34

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they're not out to get you!*

ANSWER #34

B

Federal Register, Modifications to Performance Standards During Natural Disasters and Other Calamities, a Rule by the Children and Families Administration on 3/4/2024

OCSE issues this final rule to provide temporary relief to states from certain child support program performance requirements and penalties during natural disasters and other calamities which have a negative impact on state child support program operations. The rule allows OCSE to modify performance measure requirements when natural disasters and other calamities affect, or are expected to affect, the state child support program's ability to achieve performance standards for paternity establishment, support order establishment, and current collections. The rule enables states to avoid the imposition of penalties due to adverse data reliability audit findings during, and after, natural disasters and other calamities, including pandemics and declared public health emergencies.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/03/04/2024-04244/modifications-to-performance-standards-during-natural-disasters-and-other-calamities>

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OCSE, Contact Information for State and Tribal Child Support Agencies, current as of August 14, 2024

Select a state from the map or dropdown list to find your local child support office to apply for child support or get help with your case. You can also download the alphabetical list of tribal child support programs.

<https://acf.gov/css/contact-information/state-and-tribal-child-support-agency-contacts>

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Federal Register, Apportionments, A Rule by the Veterans Affairs Department on 01/09/2026

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https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2026/01/09/2026-00237/apportionments?utm_campaign=subscription+mailing+list&utm_medium=email&utm_source=federalregister.gov

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OCSE, Access and Visitation Program Update - FY 2024, published December 22, 2025

Key Takeaways:

- Annual program participation was over 59,000.
- Noncustodial fathers and custodial mothers are the largest participant groups.
- Parent education continues to be the most frequently provided service.
- Courts and child support agencies are the largest referral sources.
- Most participants were never married to the other parent.
- A quarter of participants report annual income of less than \$20,000.
- Most participants were white, African American, or Latino.

<https://acf.gov/css/report/access-and-visitation-program-update-fy-2024>

<https://acf.gov/system/files/documents/ocse/fy2024-av-report.pdf>

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OCSS Preliminary Report, FY 2024, Table P-36, Cost-Effectiveness Ratio for Five Consecutive Fiscal Years, p. 42

Top ten states: Texas = \$9.61, Idaho = \$9.46, Mississippi = \$8.61, Puerto Rico = \$7.92, South Dakota = \$6.82, Missouri = \$6.75, North Dakota = \$6.51, Indiana = \$6.31, South Carolina = \$6.24, Tennessee = \$6.09. All other states were less than \$6.00. The nationwide average was \$4.24, down more than \$1.00 from 2020 (\$5.51).

https://acf.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ocse/fy_2024_preliminary_report.pdf

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OCSE FY24 Child Support and Employers Infographic, published August 1, 2025

Child Support Portal – The Portal is a secure way for employers to exchange information with child support agencies. Main Features:

- e-IWO Online – Download and acknowledge electronic Income Withholding Orders (e-IWOs).
- Lump Sum Reporting – Receive responses from child support agencies about reported lump sum payments.
- Termination Reporting – Report when an individual's employment ends.
- Employer Information Updates – Update your organization's information.
- Communication Center – Communicate with child support agencies and the federal child support office.
- Multistate Employer Registry – Register as a multistate new hire reporter.

<https://acf.gov/css/infographic/fy24-child-support-and-employers-infographic>

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ERICSA website, 2026 Intergovernmental Training Event,
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10:00 am – 4:30 pm ET. Register now for this valuable event!

The Eastern Regional Interstate Child Support Association is hosting our sixth virtual Intergovernmental Training Event. Attendance at this event is exclusive for members of ERICSA. This training event is a continuation of the excellent intergovernmental training sessions ERICSA is committed to provide to its members during the annual conferences. It will take place on Wednesday, September 2, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. ET with an opening plenary and eight presentations during four time slots.

<https://ericsa.org>

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OCSE IRG, Program Category 5. Paternity/Parentage

The nine states that answered yes are: Florida, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, and Wisconsin.

<https://ocsp.acf.hhs.gov/irg/profileQuery?geoType=1&mainTab=IRGHome&mainTab=ExchangeAgreements&mainTab=ProfileQuery&mainTab=Resources&mainTab=PortalLogin>

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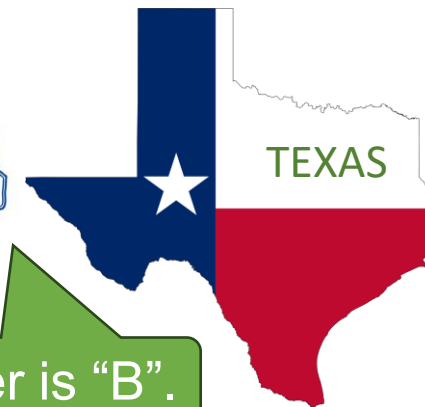
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OCSE IRG, Program Category 18. International –
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California: Bermuda, Canadian Province of Quebec, Fiji, Mexico, and South Africa.

Kentucky: Bermuda, Jamaica, Mexico, and South Africa.

New Jersey: Bermuda, Canada – Quebec, Jamaica, Mexico, South Africa.

No other state has more than one.

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ERICSA, Policy & Legislation, Resolution/Position Papers

ERICSA is instrumental in improving policies, procedures, practices, laws and regulations that deal with all aspects of child support. In keeping with its name, ERICSA seeks to focus special attention on the interstate aspects of child support enforcement through the program support and policy work the Association provides year-round. Here you will find the resolutions and position papers that have been approved by the ERICSA board. We have also made available archived papers for your convenience.

<https://ericsa.org/policy-and-legislation/>

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UIFSA section 611 (f), Modification of Child Support Order of Another State

(f) Notwithstanding subsections (a) through (e) and Section 201(b), a tribunal of this state retains jurisdiction to modify an order issued by a tribunal of this state if:

- (1) one party resides in another state; and
- (2) the other party resides outside the United States.

<https://www.uniformlaws.org/viewdocument/final-act-161?CommunityKey=71d40358-8ec0-49ed-a516-93fc025801fb&tab=librarydocuments>

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NCSL, Child Support Guideline Models, updated July 10, 2020

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The **Percentage of Income Model** sets support as a percentage of only the noncustodial parent's income; the custodial parent's income is not considered. This model has two variations: the Flat Percentage Model and the Varying Percentage Model.

The **Melson Formula** is a more complicated version of the Income Shares Model, which incorporates several public policy judgments designed to ensure that each parent's basic needs are met in addition to the children's.

<https://www.ncsl.org/human-services/child-support-guideline-models>

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OCSE, ACF-OCSS-TDCL-25-02, Report from Tribal Consultation – June 30, 2025, published on September 29, 2025

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- Federal Parent Locator Service and Federal Case Registry
- Systems Security and Safeguarding.

<https://acf.gov/css/policy-guidance/report-tribal-consultation-june-30-2025>

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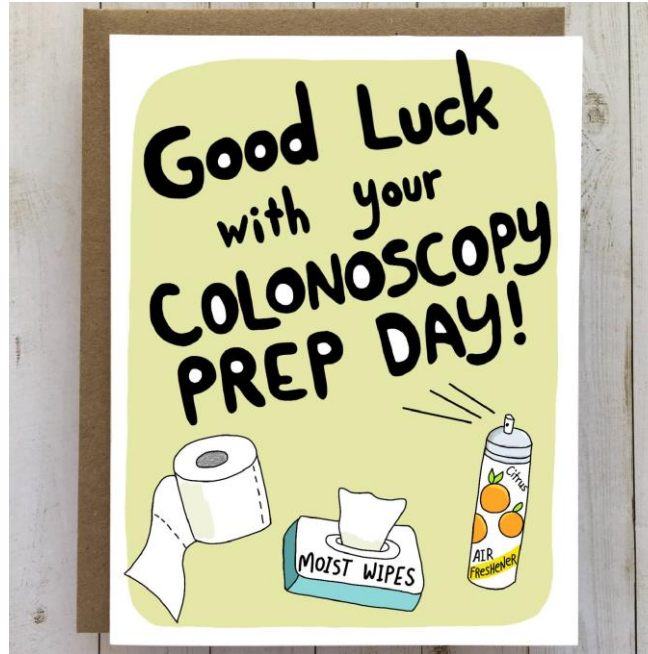
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Children's Defense Fund, U.S. Census Data Shows Need for Increase in Social Support Investments as Child Poverty in America Continues to Increase; 1 out of 7 Children Still Impoverished, published September 11, 2024

The U.S. Census Bureau revealed the supplemental poverty measure in America increased by 1.3 percent to 13.7 percent in 2023, meaning one out of every seven children are impoverished in the country. Unfortunately, children had the highest poverty rate of any demographic as well.

<https://www.childrensdefense.org/u-s-census-data-shows-need-for-increase-in-social-support-investments/>

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SAVES Center, Safe Access for Victims' Economic Security Center, Cooperation and Good Cause, written by Rachel Wildfeuer, October 2025

Cooperation Definitions:

There are universal components to how the SAVES demonstration sites define cooperation. Participants are required to:

- Provide the name and any other identifying information about the NCP that might help the agency find an absent parent.
- Assist with establishing paternity (or in some jurisdictions, establishing parentage).
- Report any money that is paid by the other parent.
- Appear for any meetings, hearings, or other legal proceedings.

https://centerforpolicyresearch.org/wp-content/uploads/SAVES_CooperationGoodCauseBrief.pdf

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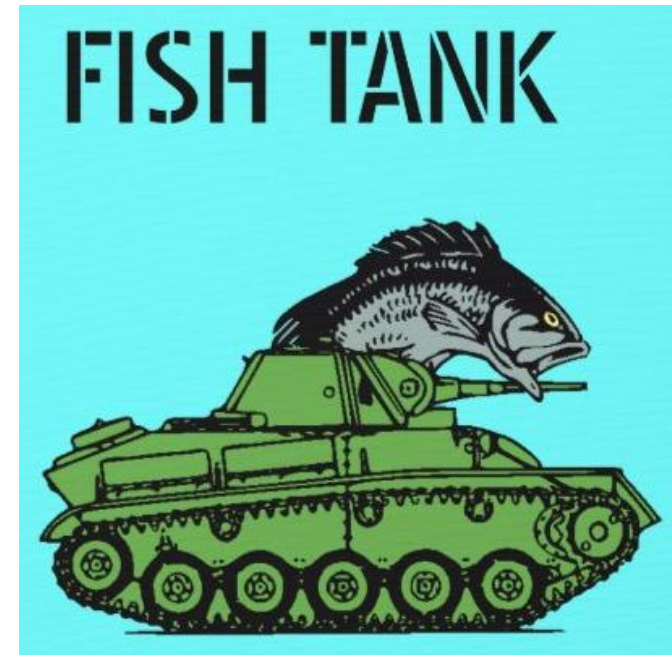
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OCSE, Intergovernmental Reference Guide State and Tribal Administrator Guide

2.2 How Do I Certify Profile Data? As an administrator, you must certify the accuracy of your data every 30 days. If you haven't certified your state or tribal information in the last 30 days, you'll receive an automatic reminder via e-mail. Certification is a two-step process since you certify the profile and address data on separate pages.

https://acf.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ocse/irg_state_tribal_administrators_guide.pdf

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OCSE, Dos and Don'ts for the Income Withholding for Support Form, current as of April 7, 2025

Items that can be changed or added:

- Font and pagination.
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- Bar codes in the blank box or margins for document tracking.
- Court case style at the top of page 1.
- Agency letterhead may be used.

<https://acf.gov/css/training-technical-assistance/using-income-withholding-support-form-dos-and-donts>

Thank you for your participation!



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