### The FPLS State Services Portal at a Glance

The Federal Parent Locator Service (FPLS) State Services Portal (SSP) is the internet gateway to the FPLS. It provides access to existing FPLS information and offers a quick and inexpensive way to take advantage of new FPLS applications and programs. Even though you can continue to access most of the FPLS through your existing batch processes, you need to implement the FPLS SSP in your state to take advantage of exciting new applications. Services available through the FPLS SSP are:

**Debt Inquiry** provides employers and insurance companies the ability to tell you when they plan to pay one-time lump sum payments, and in the case of some insurers, recurring payments to people with past-due child support debts. This allows you to take the necessary steps to garnish those payments quicker.

**DoD Entitlement** is available only through the SSP. The application provides a breakdown of wages, bonuses and other financial allowances for active and reserve members of the military. This information is crucial in establishing and maintaining fair and equitable child support orders.

**eEmployer Search** includes all the employer information in the National Directory of New Hires (NDNH)! It also provides specific name and address information of employers that participate in electronic income withholding (e-IWO). Using this application, you can easily find the information you need to set up your e-IWO process or maintain your employer database.

**Electronic Document Exchange** is another great tool in interstate case processing that lets you exchange documents (birth certificates, court orders, etc.) with other states, making it possible to speed up case processing. You no longer have to wait for the mail to arrive. Documents are managed in a safe, secure environment and arrive ready for your immediate use.

**eTermination** enables employers to electronically report employee terminations. In addition, the application allows employers to respond electronically to IWOs, indicating that their organization no longer or has never employed the noncustodial parent.

**Federal Case Registry (FCR) Misidentified Participant** allows you to add or remove an SSN from a table of known SSNs that are not associated with a specific participant in your state. It also allows you to view the current listing of previously reported misidentified SSNs and associated participants.

**FCR Query** enables you to search the FCR by either your state case ID or a participant SSN within your state caseload. It also allows you to search for cases and participants in other states that you have in common. This application assists with all aspects of case management including interstate case synchronization, paternity establishment, and establishment or modification of child support orders.

**Federal Collections and Enforcement** provides a new way to view and submit updates on the past-due support cases your state has certified for federal tax refund and administrative offset, passport denial, multistate financial institution data match, and federal insurance match. The SSP application is user-friendly and provides functionality not previously available.

**Locate** allows you to request information from FPLS external locate sources (Department of Veterans Affairs, Social Security Administration, Department of Defense, Internal Revenue Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and National Security Agency). As a reminder, the FPLS has to wait for responses from these sources, so this may affect your wait time as well. As an alternative, you can immediately access and view NDNH employment, wage, and unemployment information through this application. The Locate application helps you overcome hurdles in obtaining location, asset and employment information on your cases!

**Query Interstate Cases for Kids (QUICK)** gives you direct access to other states' case activities and financial information in interstate cases—some of the most difficult cases to manage. Since approximately 30 percent of all cases have an interstate component, this application will help you make the right case management decisions without waiting for a response from the other state.

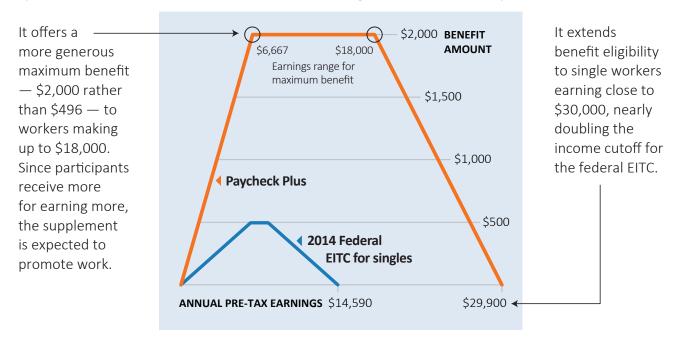
# Paycheck Plus

# Making Work Pay for Low-Income Single Adults

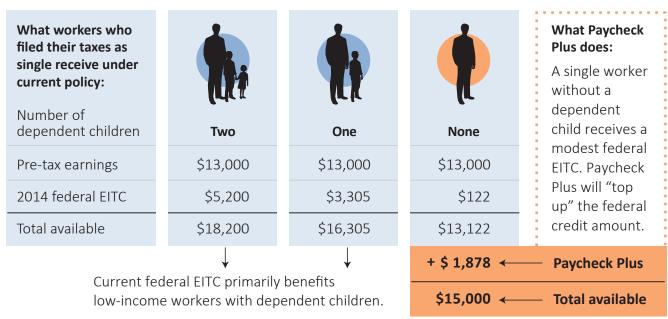
A groundbreaking demonstration with the Center for Economic Opportunity in New York City tests the impact of a new work-based earnings supplement, similar to the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), on economic and social outcomes for single adults.

### What is Paycheck Plus?

Paycheck Plus enhances the current federal EITC for single workers with no dependent children.



### How does it benefit single workers without children?



# Why is there a need for Paycheck Plus?

### **Earnings**

are stagnating or declining among low-wage workers.

2013

2014

2015

2016

2017

2018

### **Employment**

rates are falling among less-educated workers, especially men.

### Inequality

is widening as growth in wages and income accumulate at the top.

### Low-wage work

has fueled job growth since the recession and will continue to grow.

### **Work incentives**

for childless, low-income workers are modest under current policies.

One possible part of the solution

Make work pay at the low end by creating an EITC-like earnings supplement for single adults.

# How will Paycheck Plus work?

### 1. Outreach + Recruitment

Over 6,000 people, with low or no recent earnings, were recruited by the Food Bank for New York City (FBNYC), which runs a network of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance programs.

Half were randomly selected to be in a program group that is eligible for the new supplement; the other half were placed in a control group that will not receive the supplement.

### 2. Implementation

EITC-like supplements will be issued to program group members in 2015, 2016, and 2017 based on their previous year's earnings. FBNYC will send reminders to the group about the opportunity.

### 3. Impact assessment

MDRC will track both groups to assess the impact of the supplement on economic and social outcomes. Findings will be released in 2017 and 2018.

MDRC is considering an expansion of the study to a second city to make the findings more broadly applicable.

# 6,000 single adults enrolled 3,000 in program group Current EITC + Paycheck Plus Outcomes Outcomes Outcomes

### Impact on economic outcomes

- Poverty and hardship
- Work rates and earnings

### Impact on social outcomes

- Family formation and involvement
- Child support payments
- Public assistance receipt
- Criminal justice involvement
- Overall well-being

# **CHILD SUPPORT 2014: MORE MONEY FOR FAMILIES**

### **COLLECTIONS**

# \$32 Billion

in child support collected by state and tribal child support programs in FY2014



## **95%** went to families

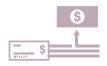




5% reimbursed public assistance dollars

# **75%**

collected through income withholding from the employee's paycheck



### **CASELOAD**

In 2014 the child support program served

# **16 Million children**



Nearly 1 in 4 children in the U.S.\*

Families eligible for child support\*

**29%** of custodial families have income below the federal poverty level

Child support represents of family income of for poor custodial families that receive it

Custodial parents eligible for child support\*

**82**% are women

**79**% are 30 or older

**57%** have just one eligible child



**68%** 

White

**25%** Black

21%

Hispanic (any race)



### **COST-EFFECTIVENESS**

One of the most cost-effective government programs



For every **\$1.00** spent...

...the child support program collects \$5.25





# Then<sup>1</sup>

Now<sup>2</sup>





Most from previously married, traditional families

More from unmarried, complex families

### SERVICE APPROACH



**Core functions** 



Family-centered strategies



### **NUMBER OF PROGRAMS**



States and territories



**Tribes** 



Countries and provinces



COLLECTED for every \$1 spent

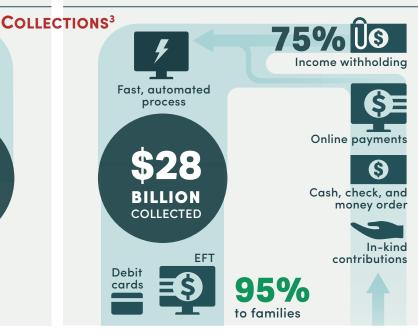
### **COST-EFFECTIVENESS**



COLLECTED for every \$1 spent

# Paper-based. manual process 8 Cash, check, and money order COLLECTED **About**

to families



- <sup>1</sup> Then Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) FY1977 Annual Report to Congress.
- <sup>2</sup> Now OCSE FY2014 Preliminary Report.
- <sup>3</sup> Collections IV-D only collections.