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Federal, State and Tribal IV-D Child Support Program Update

2023



Presenters and Road Map

- **Welcome Message** - Tanguler Gray, Commissioner, Office of Child Support Services, Office of the Administration for Children & Families
- **State Update** - Michele Schreifels, Interim Director, DHS Children and Family Services, Child Support Division
- **Tribal Update** - Jamie Wirth, IV-D Financial Coordinator, White Earth Nation Child Support

Welcome Message



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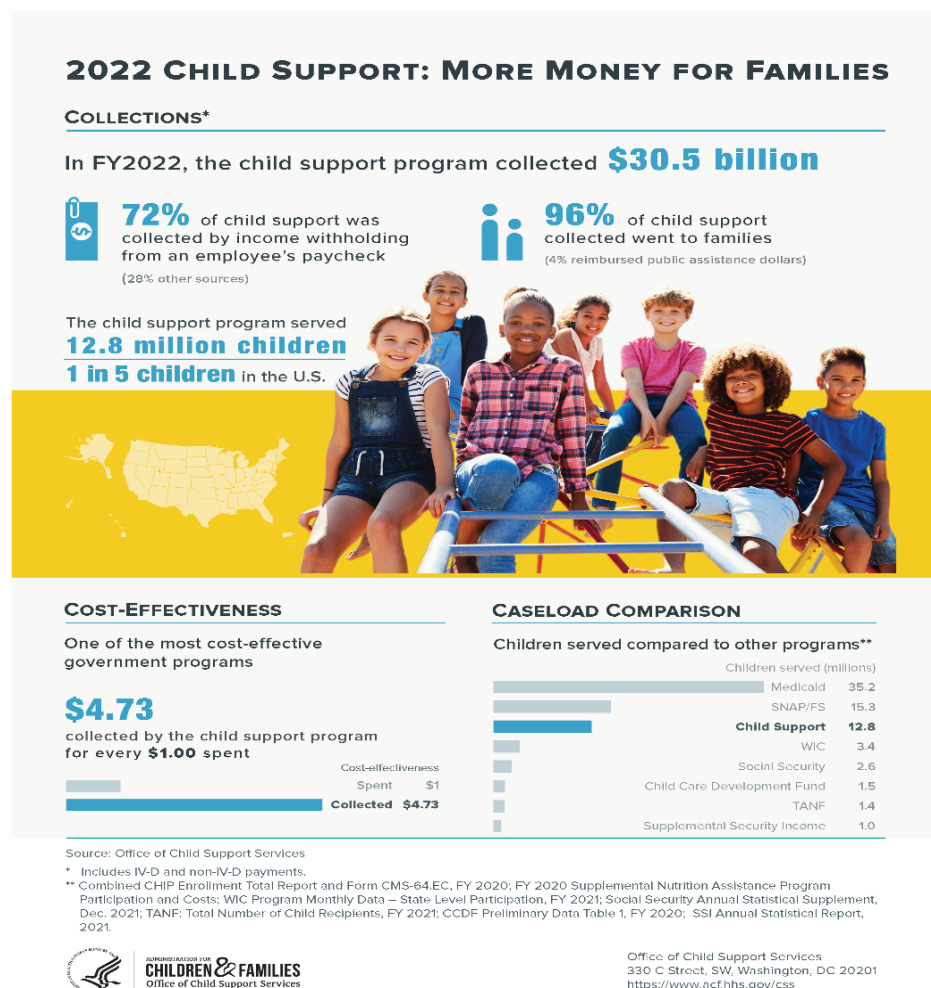


Child Support Program State Update

Michele Schreifels, Interim Director

Department of Human Services Child Support Division

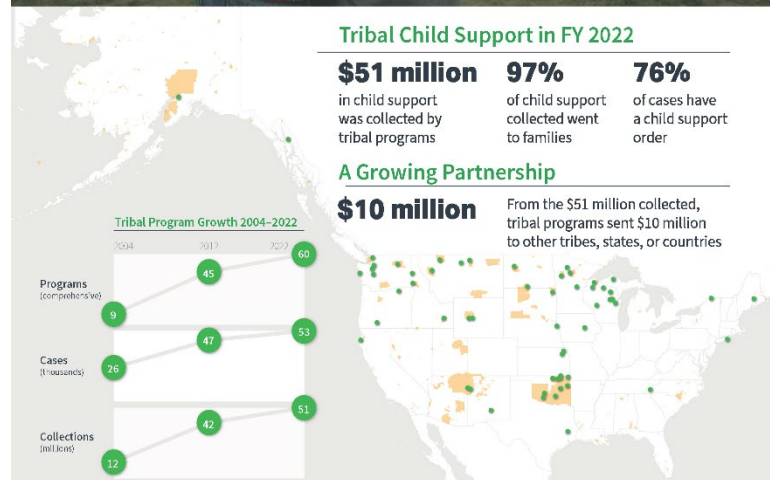
Federal Program Data



Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 National Data

- Served 12.8 million children (1 in 5 in the U.S.)
- Collected \$30.5 billion
- Third largest program serving children behind Medical Assistance and SNAP

Federal Tribal Program Data



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Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 National Tribal Data

- 60 Tribes operate a child support program
- Collected \$51 million
- 76% of cases have a child support order

State Program Data



Source: Office of Child Support Services

* Includes IV-D and non-IV-D payments.

** Combined CHIP Enrollment, Total Report and Form CMS-64 EC, FY 2020; FY 2020 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Participation and Costs; WIC Program Monthly Data - State Level Participation, FY 2021; Social Security Annual Statistical Supplement, Dec. 2021; TANF: Total Number of Child Recipients, FY 2021; CCDF Preliminary Data Table 1, FY 2020; SSI Annual Statistical Report, 2021.



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Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 State Data

- Served 214,000 children
- Collected \$509 million
- Second largest program serving children behind Medical Assistance



Performance Data – cont.

Minnesota still a national leader – FFY 2022 Fed. Perf. Measures

Federal Performance Measures	FFY 2022
Paternities established	97.8%
Orders established	85.8%
Collections on current – Ranked 4th nationally	72.6%
Collections on arrears	70.4%
Cost effectiveness	\$2.91

Performance Data – cont.

Top three performing counties – FFY 2022 Fed. Perf. Measures

Federal Performance Measures	FFY 2022
Paternities established	Rice, Stevens, Wilkin
Orders established	Kittson, Lake, Roseau
Collections on current	Lac qui Parle, Kittson, Roseau
Collections on arrears	Morrison, Traverse, Winona
Cost effectiveness	Nobles, Stearns, Wadena

Recent Legislation

- **Updated guidelines:** Effective Jan. 1, 2023 and coming changes for SSI, GA, and MFIP
- **Cost-of-Care:** Changes to MN Statute and interim policy to align with federal IV-E guidance
- **Credit bureau reporting:** Manual process started Jan. 1, 2023
- **Driver's license suspension:** Some changes effective July 2023 and more in 2026
- **Systems modernization:** Total state and federal funding \$39.4 million
- **Department of Children, Youth, and Families:** Transition of CSD to new agency by July 2025

Grants and Pilots

- **Advancing Equity in Child Support Grant**
 - \$3.9 million demonstration project to assess equity within the child support program
- **Driver's License Procedural Justice Project**
 - 12 county pilot using alternative approach to enforcement
 - MMB descriptive report and evaluation report coming soon
- **Economic Mobility and Responsible Parenting Grant – Paths to Parenthood**
 - Developing two curricula focused on different audiences - Justice-involved youth/young adults and indigenous and Tribal youth/young adults
- **Safe Access for Victims' Economic Security (SAVES)**
 - Increase safe access to child support and parenting time services for victims and survivors of domestic violence

Equity Initiatives

- Advisory Board Equity Committee
- CSD Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Training
- MFSRC DEI Subcommittee



Child Support Program Tribal Update

Jamie Wirth, IV-D Financial Coordinator, White Earth Nation Child Support



Eleven Federally Recognized Tribes in Minnesota

- Four (4) out of the Eleven (11) Tribes have their own comprehensive IV-D Child Support Programs:
- Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
- Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
- Red Lake Nation
- White Earth Nation



- There are 60 Tribes across the US that operate Tribal Child Support Programs.
- Tribal Programs provide services to Native American families consistent with Tribal Family Values and Culture.
- The programs provide services such as: Genetic Testing, Paternity Establishment, Locates, Modifications, and Establishment & Enforcement of Orders.
- In Fiscal year 2022, \$51 Million Dollars was collected by Tribal Programs and disbursed to other Tribes, Counties and/or States.
- 97% of Child Support collected went to families.
- 76% of Tribal cases have a child support order.
- Tribal Programs across Indian Country thrive to increase these numbers every year.

Elimination of Tribal Match

- In the first 2 years of becoming comprehensive, Tribes must provide a 10% of in-kind or cash match of their total requested fiscal year budget amount.
 - 90/10
- Or 20% at the start of their third year being comprehensive.
 - 80/20
- OCSS has determined that the Non-Federal Share Requirement limits growth, creates instability, and discourages other Tribes who may have difficulties trying to operate a Tribal Child Support Program or are in start up phase.

Federal Tax Refund Off Set

- Currently IRS Statutes do not allow disclosure of FTI (Federal Tax Information) to Tribal Child Support Agencies.
- March 2, 2021 a Proposed Bill (S.534 Tribal Child Support Enforcement Act) was introduced to Senate.
- July 13, 2021 the Senate Committee on Finance discharged and the Senate passed it without amendment by unanimous consent. The bill was sent to the House and was held at their desk since then.
- February 2023, without prior notice or indication of a pending change in position, the IRS alerted the these audit findings would no longer be held in obedience effective October 1, 2023.
- April 2023, Consultation was held in Atlantic City, NJ to discuss proposed rulemaking (NPRM) with the 2 main topics being, Elimination of Tribal Match and a Legislation Change to the wording in the IRS Publication.

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Thank You