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## **Child Support**

This section describes the child support caseload. A new federal incentive system has changed the way in which the Child Support Division does its business – it now has a performance-based budget for incentives. The incentives are based on the following five incentive measures:

- 1. Paternity establishment
- 2. Order establishment
- 3. Current support collected
- 4. Cases paying toward arrears
- 5. Cost effectiveness.

The Child Support Incentive Scorecard on page 93 shows DCS outcomes on the five measures over the past two state fiscal years.

Three types of cases make up the Title IV-D child support cases:

- Current Assistance (individuals receiving TANF or Title IV-E Foster Care)
- Former Assistance (individuals who have ever received TANF/AFDC or Title IV-E Foster Care) and
- Never Assistance (individuals who have never received TANF/AFDC or Title IV-E Foster Care. Medicaid, child care only and State Only Foster Care are also considered Never Assistance.)

Collections on **Current Assistance** and **Former Assistance** cases are given a weight of 2, while **Never Assistance** collections are given a weight of 1. The sum of the three weighted types of collections forms the collection base from which a state's incentives are drawn. By implementing this weighting scheme, the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement recognizes the inherent difficulties in collecting from **Current** and **Former Assistance** cases.

#### Highlights:

- ∠ DCS overall performance on the federal Incentive Scorecard measures increased to 89% in SFY 2000, compared to 81% in SFY 1999.
- ∠ Child support collections increased to \$586.6 million in SFY 2000, compared to \$533.3 in SFY 1999.
- ∠ Child support served an average of 430,350 children per month in SFY 2000.

# Child Support Continued

- The average monthly Child Support IV-D caseload decreased slightly in SFY 2000 (322,988 cases), compared to SFY 1999 (323,214 cases). The drop in current assistance cases is responsible for most of this decline. Other factors that could contribute to a shrinking caseload include: case closure for those no longer receiving assistance, an aging population, decreasing non-marital births and divorce.
- Current Assistance declined by 11,326 cases from SFY 1999 to SFY 2000, more than 16 percent in one year.
- **∠** The majority (87.5%) of non-custodial parents is male and **24-39** years old (54.9%).

## Exhibit 1

### Child Support Incentive Scorecard SFY 1999 and SFY 2000

MEASURE	GOAL (NEEDED TO ATTAIN 100% FUNDING)	PERFORMANCE SFY		PERCENTAGE OF MAXIMUM INCENTIVE REACHED		MAXIMUM VALUE OF INCENTIVE (\$ IN MILLIONS)	INCENTIVE PAYMENT (\$ IN MILLIONS)	
	i diadiito)			(A)		(B)	(A * B)	
		1999	2000	1999	2000		1999	2000
1. Paternity Establishment Percentage (PEP)	80%	112%	93%	100%	100%	\$3.10	\$3.10	\$3.10
2. Order Establishment	80%	87%	89%	100%	100%	\$3.10	\$3.10	\$3.10
3. Current Support	80%	56%	60%	66%	70%	\$3.10	\$2.05	\$2.17
4. Arrears Cases Paying	80%	44%	62%	54%	72%	\$2.35	\$1.27	\$1.69
5. Cost Effectiveness	\$5.00	\$4.47	\$4.75	80%	90%	\$2.35	\$1.88	\$2.12
TOTAL POTENTIAL INCENTIVES EARNED					86%	\$14.0 million	\$11.4	\$12.2

Source: Division of Child Support

**Note:** For illustration purposes only. The first four measures are included in ESA B-11 performance measures. The Incentive Scorecard depicts the way the incentive funding formula would be fully implemented by FFY02 (Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998). For purposes of illustration, we have assumed that the incentive payment share is \$14.3 million. The incentive funding base is multiplied by the maximum values established for the measures, e.g., 1.0 for the first three measures and .75 for the last two measures. Column B shows the product of that calculation. The state's performance level is translated into a percentage of incentive the state can receive, based on its current performance level. That percentage of incentive, Column A, is multiplied times Column B, the maximum value of incentive, which yields the incentive payment to the state or each of the five indicators. The five incentive payments are then summed to determine the state's total incentive earned.

## Exhibit 2 Child Support Caseload and Collections July 1998 to June 2000

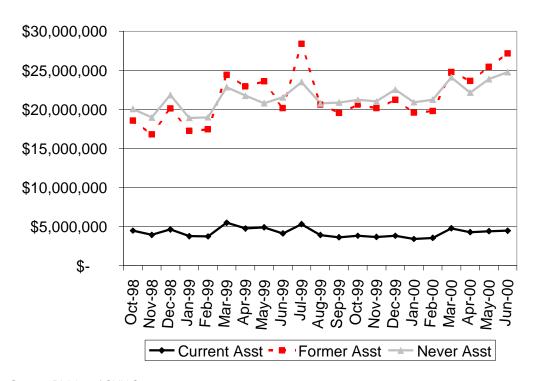
	CHILD SUPPORT CASELOAD				CHILD SUPPORT	COLLECTIONS	COLLECTIONS BY CASE TYPE			
	TANF/ FOSTER CARE 1	FORMER ASST <sup>2</sup>	NEVER ASST <sup>3</sup>	TOTAL IV-D CASELOAD	ACTUAL	PROJECTED	TANF/ FOSTER CARE <sup>1</sup>	FORMER ASST <sup>2</sup>	NEVER ASST <sup>3</sup>	
JUL 98	77,348	159,077	85,192	321,617	\$44,695,916	\$44,695,916				
AUG	74,962	161,550	85,635	322,147	\$39,391,919	\$39,391,919				
SEPT	73,342	167,265	81,970	322,577	\$42,695,860	\$42,695,860				
OCT	72,282	168,575	82,413	323,270	\$43,052,965	\$43,052,642	\$4,478,729	\$18,524,671	\$20,049,565	
NOV	70,182	170,719	82,675	323,576	\$39,646,793	\$39,646,633	\$3,925,766	\$16,774,533	\$18,946,495	
DEC	66,583	173,996	82,799	323,378	\$46,571,156	\$46,571,155	\$4,630,845	\$20,110,157	\$21,830,153	
<b>JAN 99</b>	68,808	172,612	82,357	323,777	\$39,879,985	\$39,879,985	\$3,761,425	\$17,219,055	\$18,899,505	
FEB	67,948	173,537	82,694	324,179	\$40,151,718	\$40,352,088	\$3,735,832	\$17,430,671	\$18,985,215	
MAR	66,752	174,373	82,936	324,061	\$52,728,256	\$47,006,871	\$5,494,084	\$24,409,313	\$22,824,859	
APR	66,347	174,061	83,224	323,632	\$49,412,531	\$47,219,541	\$4,749,443	\$22,911,607	\$21,751,482	
MAY	65,201	174,367	83,699	323,267	\$49,252,466	\$47,270,368	\$4,897,103	\$23,574,165	\$20,781,197	
JUNE	63,359	175,642	84,087	323,088	\$45,808,847	\$50,608,089	\$4,125,988	\$20,147,553	\$21,535,306	
SFY 99	69,426	170,482	83,307	323,214	\$533,288,411	\$528,391,067				
JUL <b>99</b>	62,332	175,978	84,273	322,583	\$57,176,480	\$47,103,198	\$5,306,918	\$28,387,091	\$23,482,472	
AUG	61,157	177,032	84,444	322,633	\$45,248,352	\$44,996,671	\$3,910,287	\$20,579,749	\$20,758,316	
SEPT	60,050	177,732	84,634	322,416	\$44,028,917	\$44,084,704	\$3,623,320	\$19,538,952	\$20,866,645	
OCT	59,778	178,121	84,934	322,833	\$45,616,586	\$46,136,073	\$3,816,097	\$20,579,805	\$21,220,684	
NOV	58,230	178,937	85,154	322,321	\$44,807,529	\$43,000,404	\$3,663,714	\$20,133,619	\$21,010,197	
DEC	56,576	180,327	85,257	322,160	\$47,551,697	\$47,582,635	\$3,816,485	\$21,208,076	\$22,527,135	
JAN <b>00</b>	59,648	177,449	85,861	322,958	\$43,867,138	\$45,657,960	\$3,413,117	\$19,560,277	\$20,893,744	
FEB	58,214	179,092	86,101	323,407	\$44,560,229	\$44,025,669	\$3,545,094	\$19,779,336	\$21,235,799	
MAR	57,324	179,764	86,583	323,671	\$53,618,219	\$50,654,798	\$4,764,845	\$24,757,118	\$24,096,257	
APR	56,575	180,279	87,062	323,916	\$50,027,106	\$50,466,921	\$4,293,066	\$23,599,544	\$22,134,495	
MAY	54,297	181,885	87,254	323,436	\$53,710,135	\$51,678,612	\$4,409,168	\$25,428,583	\$23,842,384	
JUNE	53,024	182,798	87,694	323,516	\$56,381,945	\$54,331,903	\$4,460,628	\$27,154,345	\$24,766,971	
SFY 00	58,100	179,116	85,771	322,988	\$586,594,334	\$569,719,548	\$49,022,739	\$270,706,497	\$266,865,099	

Source: Division of Child Support Note: Case counts are unduplicated

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> TANF/Foster Care or Current Assistance (TANF or Title IV-E Foster Care)
<sup>2</sup> Former Assistance (individuals who have ever received TANF/AFDC or Title IV-E Foster Care); and

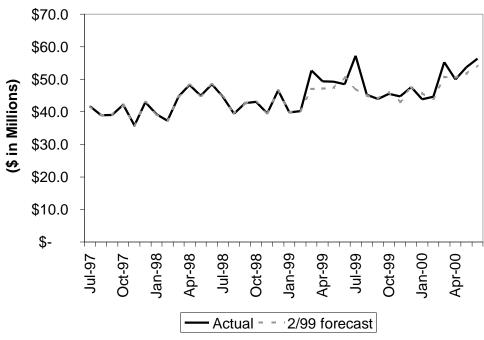
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Never Assistance (individuals who have never received TANF/AFDC or Title IV-E. Medicaid only, child care only and State Only Foster Care are considered Never Assistance). Payment Service Only and medical and subrogated debt cases are excluded from Title IV-D cases.

Exhibit 3
Child Support Caseload by Type
October 1998 to June 2000



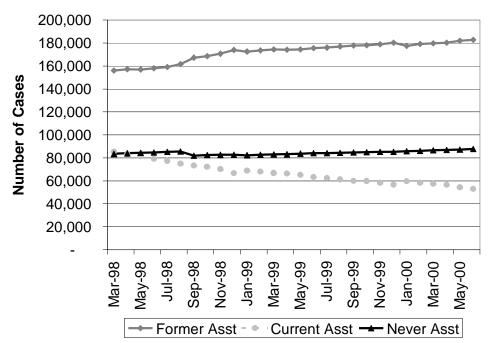
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Exhibit 4
Child Support Collections
Actual and Projected – SFY 1999 to SFY 2000



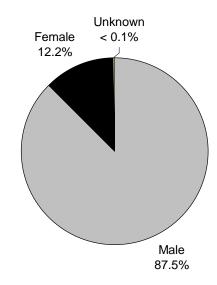
Source: Division of Child Support

Exhibit 5
Child Support Collections by Case Type
March 1998 to June 2000



Source: Division of Child Support

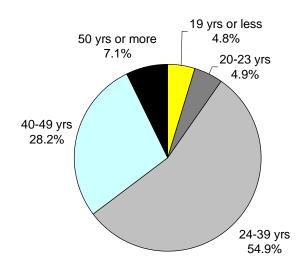
Exhibit 6
Non-Custodial Parents by Gender
August 2000



Source: Division of Child Support

**Note:** The noncustodial parent is the parent (mother, father, or reputed father) who is now or eventually may be obligated under the law for the support of a child or children receiving services under the Title IV-D child support program.

Exhibit 7
Non-Custodial Parents by Age
August 2000



Source: Division of Child Support

**Note:** The non-custodial parent is the parent (mother, father, or reputed father) who is now or eventually may be obligated under the law for the support of a child or children receiving services under the Title IV-D child support program.