



OHIO CHILD SUPPORT
PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION
EDUCATE. ADVOCATE. SUPPORT.



Ohio's Child Support Program
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About Us

We are the Ohio Child Support Professionals Association. As a non-profit association, we serve as the unified voice and resource for all child support professionals in Ohio. Our membership includes professionals in county Child Support Enforcement Agencies (CSEAs) and other key partner members such as courts, prosecutor's offices, adult probation offices, and stand-alone job and family services and child welfare agencies.

We recognize the significant impact the child support program has on children in Ohio. One in five children are involved in Ohio's child support program. Child support can make a difference in managing food, shelter, child care, transportation, clothing, and medical and dental expenses.

Our team of industry experts offer comprehensive resources to our members through advocacy, education, and support. We understand the big picture of child support and how it impacts our communities. We understand the nuances and details that make our program unique. We monitor what's changing to advocate for the child support program and keep all child support professionals informed. We're dedicated and passionate about this program, because we care about the long-term success and well-being of children and families in Ohio.

Educate. Advocate. Support.
This is our commitment.

Who we are.

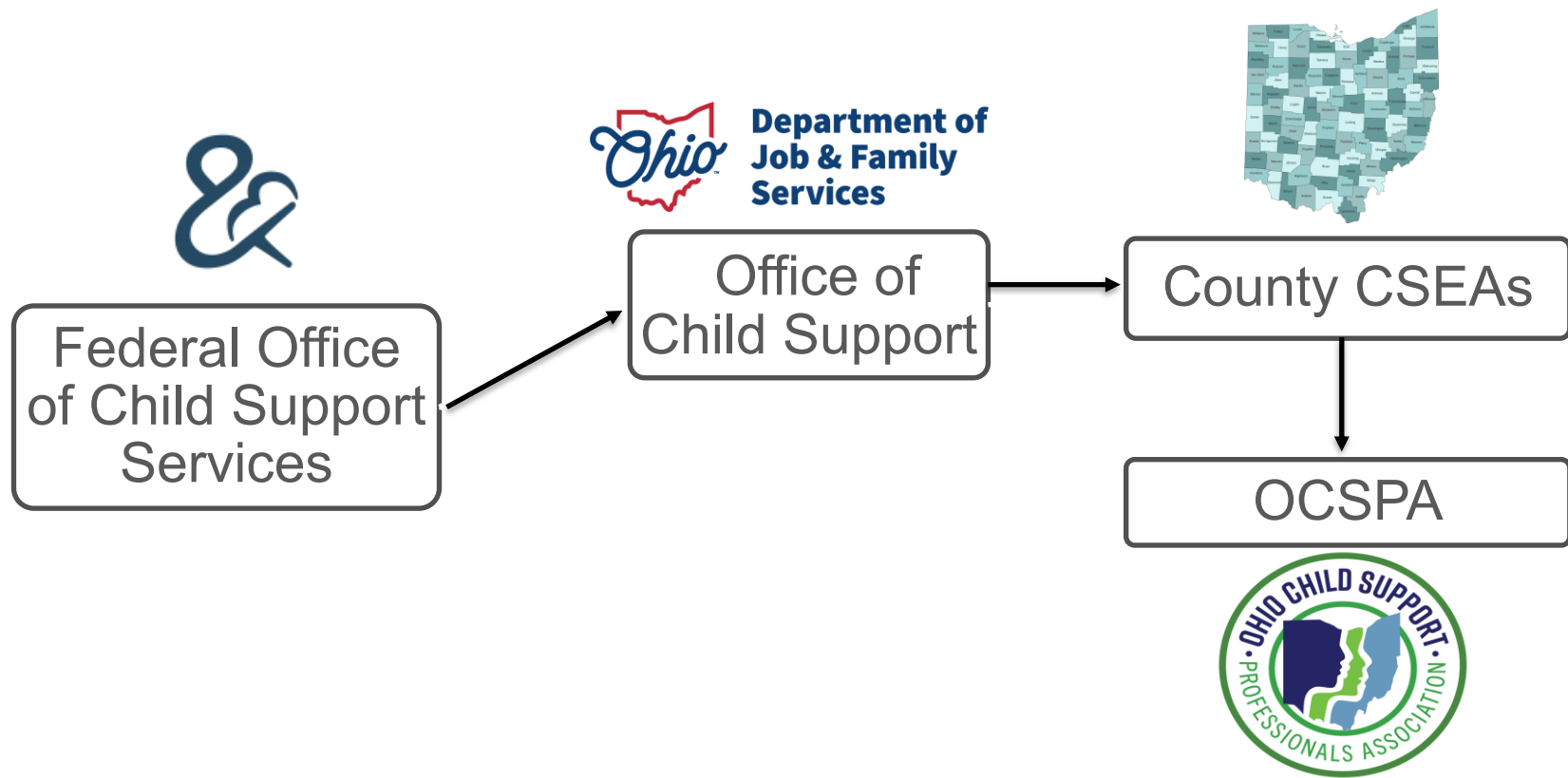
What we do.

Who we serve.

How we do it.

What makes us different.

The Child Support Program – Key Players





Ohio's Child Support Program



Who participates?

- Mothers, Fathers, Grandparents, Caretakers, Children Services Agencies
- All divorce and dissolution actions with children in Domestic Relations Court
- All unmarried parent custody and support cases in Juvenile Court
- Approximately 700,000 cases statewide
- 1 in 5 children in Ohio are part of our program
- No income eligibility to participate



Who works with child support agencies?

CSEAs may employ or contract for agency attorneys and hearing officers

CSEAs can also contract with the following county offices for IV-D Services:

- Magistrates
- Clerk's Office
- Sheriff's Office
- Prosecutor
- Others

CSEA also works with community partners, the private bar, Legal Aid, Fatherhood groups, Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections, and others

CSEAs also work with sister programs to serve families:

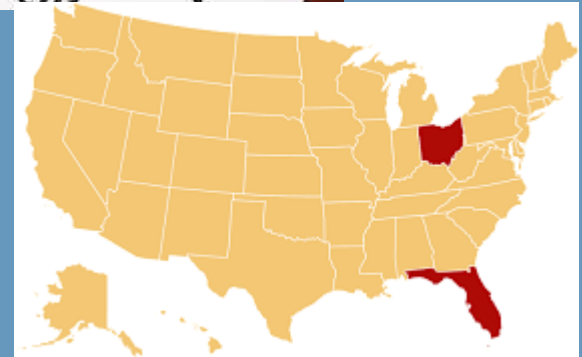
**Public Assistance
Child Welfare
Workforce/Ohio Means Jobs**





What services are provided?

- Establishment of Paternity
- Location of Non-Custodial Parents
- Establishment of Child Support and Medical Support Orders
- Review and Adjustment of Orders (Modification)
- Enforcement of Orders (including the order to cover dependents health insurance)
- Monitoring and Distributing Collections
- Intergovernmental Coordination





Key Facts

Child Support Agencies assist with establishing paternity for around 52,000 children each year

Collections totaled nearly \$1.6B in FFY2025, with 70% coming from Employers

IRS and State Tax Offset \$74.5M

Spectrum of enforcement remedies used—no one size fits all

Work with other states and countries on around 43,000 cases

Strengthening partnership with workforce to link parents with jobs





Program goals

Increase regular, consistent support for children by:

- Engaging both parents from the beginning of the case
- Utilizing technology to reach families
- Setting and modifying orders based on ability to pay
- Linking with Ohio Means Jobs and other employment services
- Implementing debt management
- Using less adversarial dispute resolution
- Coordinating with other programs that serve families
- Addressing domestic violence concerns to safely deliver services to survivors





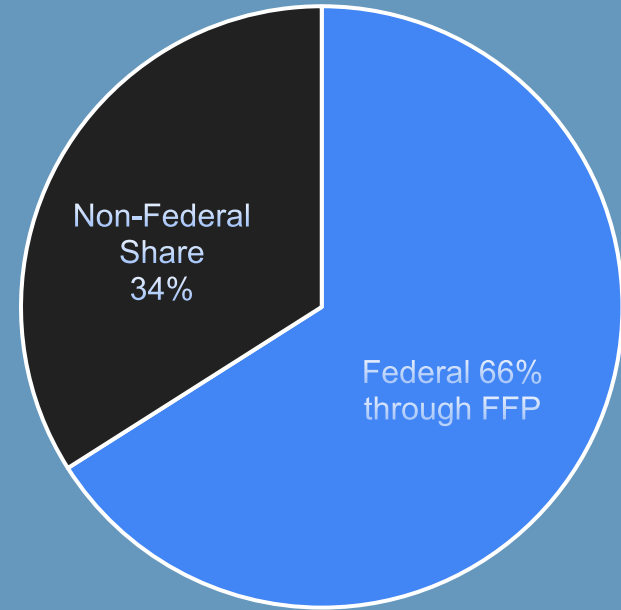
Child support funding

Federal Financial Participation (FFP) available at 66% for allowable IV-D activities

****Match not available without a local (state or county) dollar**

Very limited funding streams for program

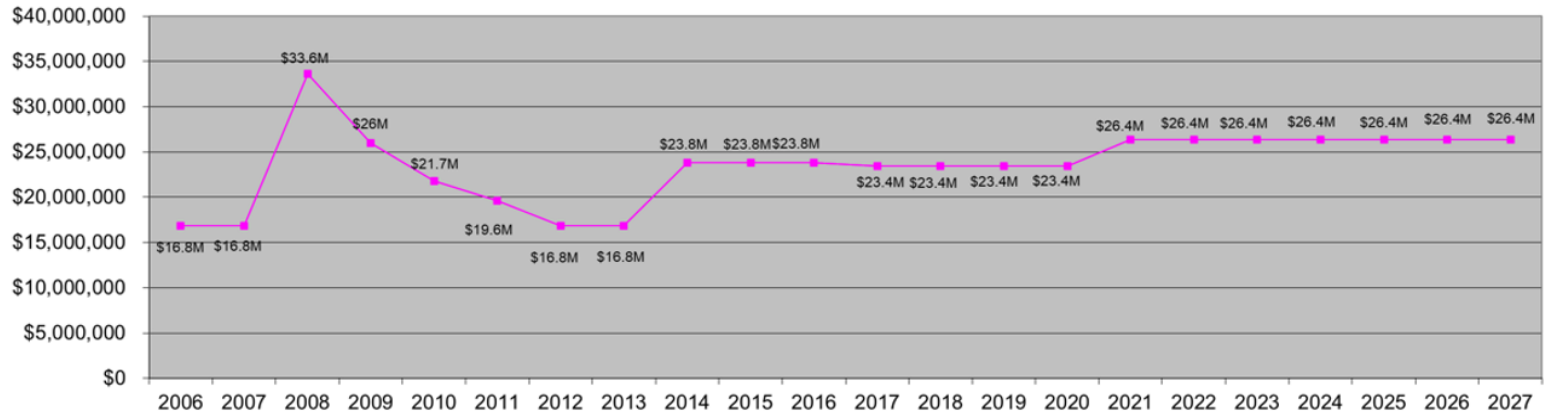
Child support local allocation (GRF in state budget) \$26.4m/year





Child Support State Match History

State Match Appropriation
SFY2006 - SFY2027





Other Funding Sources

- Processing fees
 - 2% processing fee on all orders
 - Example \$300.00/mo child support order would have a \$6.00/mo processing fee
 - Fees paid only after current support paid
 - Only accounts for 5-10% of a county's income
 - Not matchable with FFP
- Federal performance incentives
 - Ohio competes with other states on performance categories annually
- Assigned cash medical collections
 - 85% retained by the state to offset Medicaid costs, 15% returned to the county CSEA as income
 - Is matchable with FFP

Additional funding sources:

- County Income Maintenance and Child, Family & Protective Services (state budget line item 533)
- Family Services Levy Dollars (4 counties share with child support presently)
- County General Fund Dollars
- Child Support Training Allocation*
- Child Support Awareness Month Allocation*

*from OCS retained incentives



Ohio is a strong performer



We are graded by the Feds on performance

- Paternity establishment: 98.44%
- Support establishment: 92.87%
- Collection of Current Support: 71.77%
- Collection of Past Due Support: 65.87%
- Cost effectiveness: for every \$1 spent in program we collect \$4.45



Challenges

- Rising expenditures with limited funding streams
- Declining caseloads but harder to serve cases
- Technology lags
- Negative perception of government agencies
- Competitive wages
- Retirements
- Worker skillsets



Opportunities



- Learn from those with lived experiences
- Expand partnerships
- Better use of tech to work cases and communicate with parties



2026→ 2027 Priorities: Lame duck and Budget



Increase county state
match allocation



Policy and procedures
updates



Support ongoing SETS
modernization efforts



Lame Duck bills, new
governor, new biennium



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