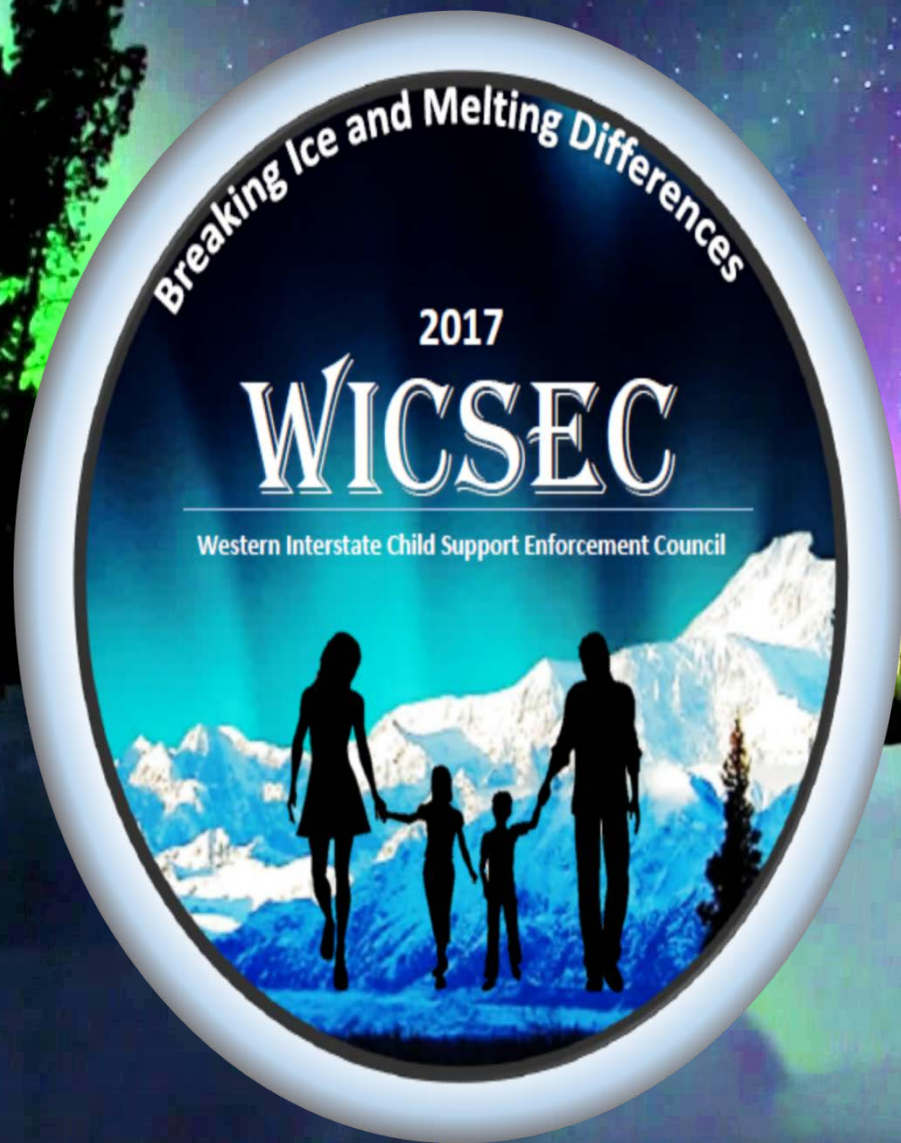




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Flexibility, Efficiency and Modernization



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Overview

- Washington State's implementation plan (near term)
- Challenges/Opportunities
- Intermissions

Implementation

~~Plan A~~

~~Plan B~~

Plan C



Medical



Health care (establishment)

- Health care coverage includes fee for service, health maintenance organization, preferred provider organization, and other types of private health insurance and public health care coverage under which medical services could be provided to the dependent child(ren).
- Cash medical support or the cost of health insurance is considered reasonable in cost if the cost to the parent responsible for providing medical support does not exceed five percent of his or her gross income or, at State option, a reasonable alternative income-based numeric standard defined in State law, regulations or court rule having the force of law or State child support guidelines adopted in accordance with § 302.56(c) of this chapter. ~~In applying the five percent or alternative State standard for the cost of private health insurance, the cost is the cost of adding the child(ren) to the existing coverage or the difference between self-only and family coverage.~~



Health care (mods)

- *Health care needs must be an adequate basis.*
The need to provide for the child's health care needs in the order, through health insurance or other means, must be an adequate basis under State law to initiate an adjustment of an order, regardless of whether an adjustment in the amount of child support is necessary. ~~In no event shall the eligibility for or receipt of Medicaid be considered to meet the need to provide for the child's health care needs in the order.~~

Medical- Case Closure

The IV–D agency must close a case and maintain supporting documentation for the case closure decision when the following criteria have been met:

- (1) The child is eligible for health care services from the Indian Health Service (IHS); and
- (2) The IV–D case was opened because of a Medicaid referral based solely upon health care services, including the Purchased/Referred Care program, provided through an Indian Health Program (as defined at 25 U.S.C. 1603(12)).



Intermission



Modifications



Incarcerated individuals

- Mods
- (b) * * * * *
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- (2) The State may elect in its State plan to initiate review of an order, after learning that a noncustodial parent will be incarcerated for more than 180 calendar days, and without the need for a specific request and, upon notice to both parents, review and, if appropriate, adjust the order, in accordance with paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this section.
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Incarcerated Individuals

(ii) If the State has not elected paragraph (b)(2) of this section, within 15 business days of when the IV-D agency learns that a noncustodial parent will be incarcerated for more than 180 calendar days, to both parents informing them of the right to request the State to review and, if appropriate, adjust the order, consistent with this section. The notice must specify, at a minimum, the place and manner in which the request should be made. Neither the notice nor a review is required under this paragraph if the State has a comparable law or rule that modifies a child support obligation upon incarceration by operation of State law.

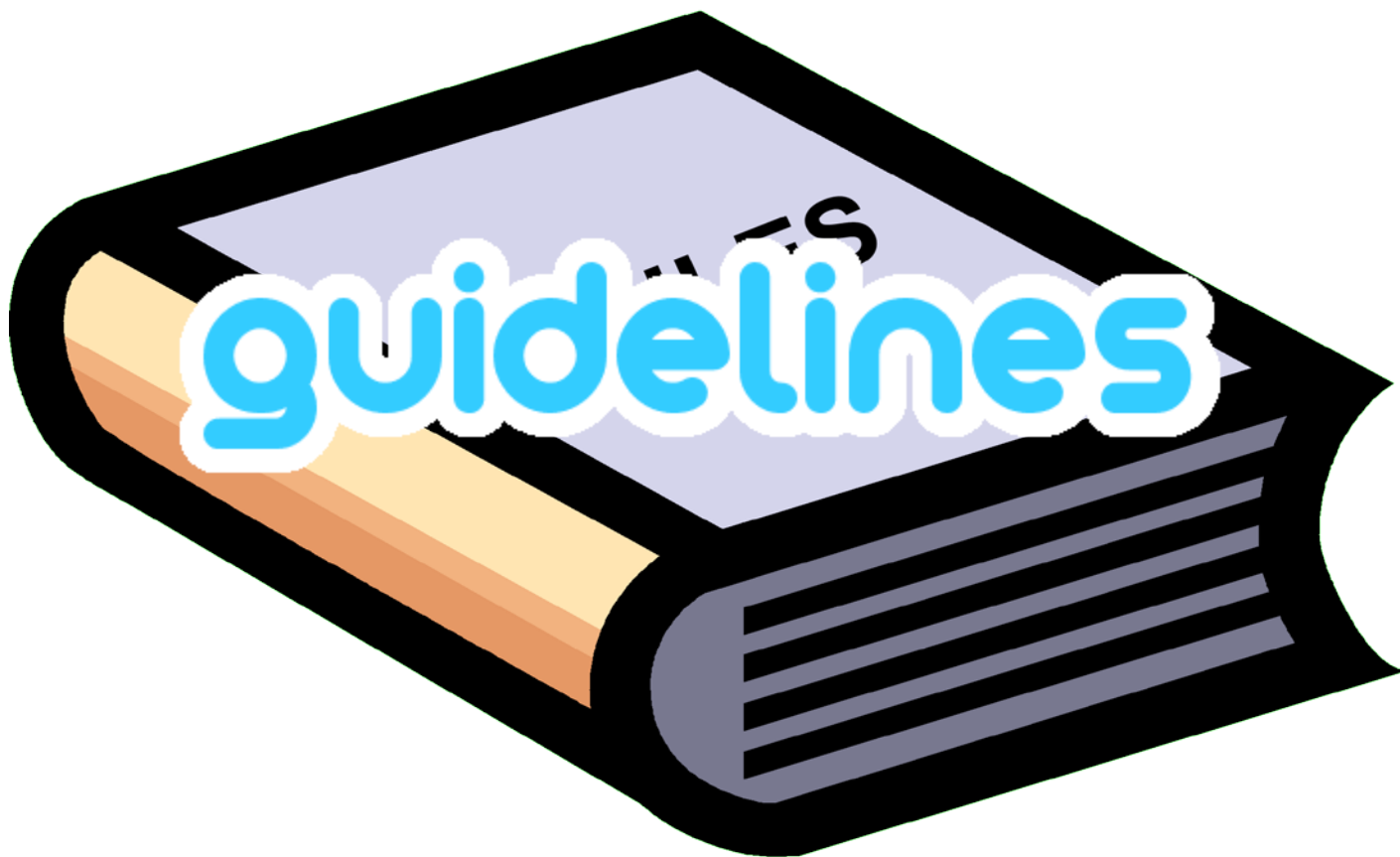
Incarcerated Individuals

- c) * * *Such reasonable quantitative standard must not exclude incarceration as a basis for determining whether an inconsistency between the existing child support order amount and the amount of support determined as a result of a review is adequate grounds for petitioning for adjustment of the order.

Intermission



Child Support Guidelines



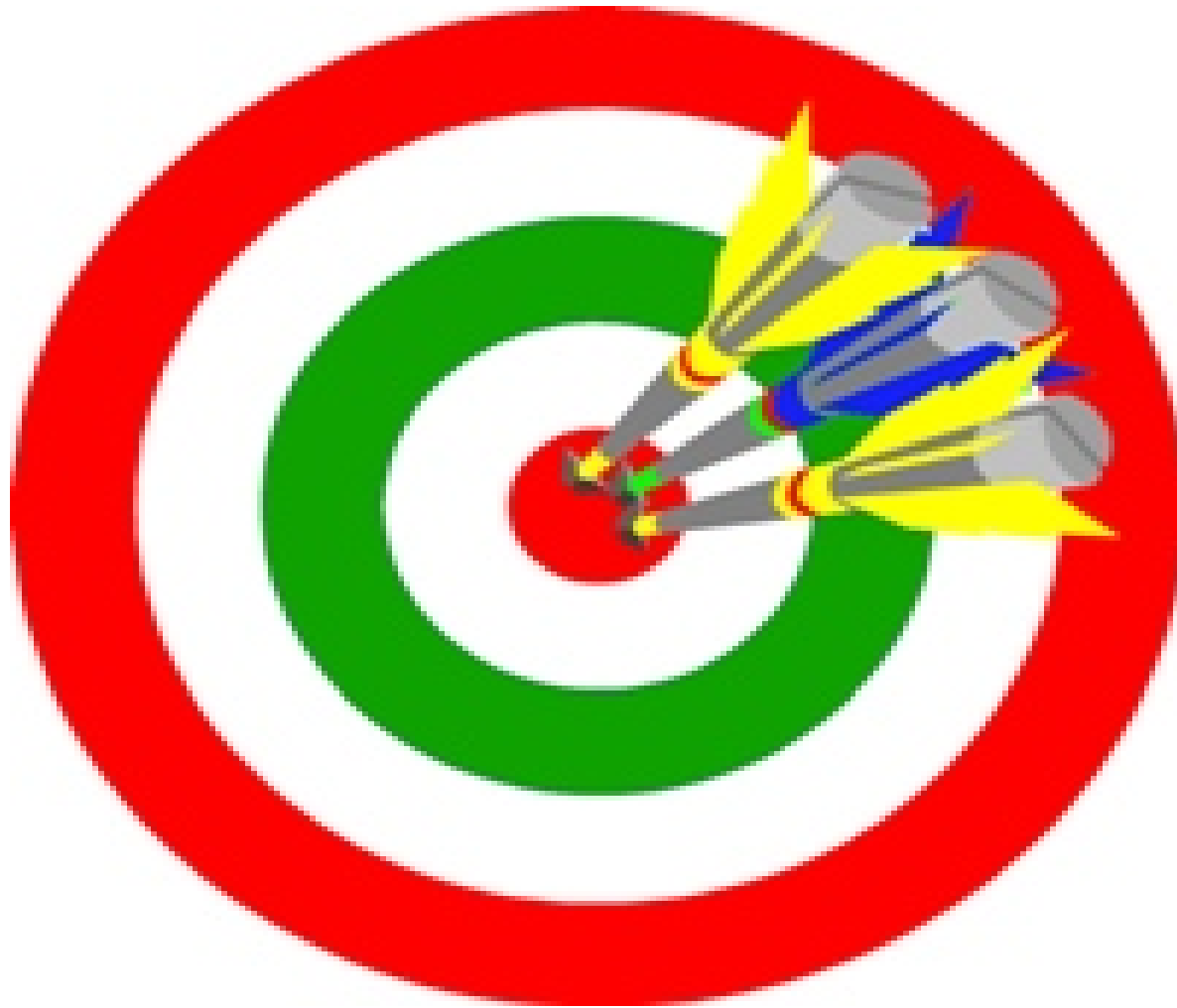
45 CFR § 302.56

c) The child support guidelines established under paragraph (a) of this section must at a minimum:

(1) Provide that the child support order is based on the noncustodial parent's earnings, income, and other evidence of ability to pay that:

(iii) If imputation of income is authorized, takes into consideration the specific circumstances of the noncustodial parent (and at the State's discretion, the custodial parent) to the extent known, including such factors as the noncustodial parent's assets, residence, employment and earnings history, job skills, educational attainment, literacy, age, health, criminal record and other employment barriers, and record of seeking work, as well as the local job market, the availability of employers willing to hire the noncustodial parent, prevailing earnings level in the local community, and other relevant background factors in the case.

Right Sized Orders





What is a Right-Sized Order?

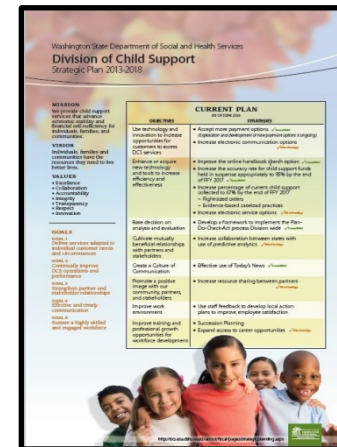
An Order for current support that is set at an amount appropriate for current family circumstances



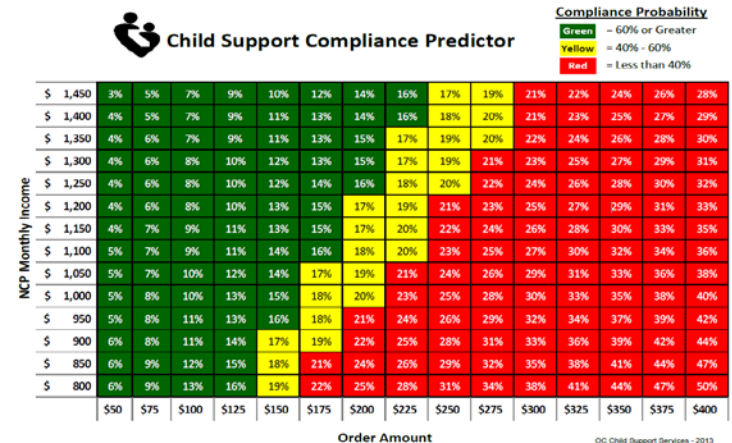
Why is this important?

The Benefits to Right-Sized Orders

- Meet the goals of two important stakeholders:
State (DSHS – ESA & DCS)
Federal (OCSE)



- Studies show parents are more likely to pay child support when the order is set at an amount that right for their income.



Life changes, maybe your child support could too!

- ☐ Have you changed jobs?
- ☐ Are any of your children now over 12?
- ☐ Have your child's daycare costs changed?
- ☐ Has your income changed?
- ☐ Have your child's medical costs changed?
- ☐ Have you had another child since the order was created?

If you can answer yes to any of these questions, please contact us for more information. Child support doesn't change automatically with your life changes, but you may request a review of your order. We will send you the necessary paperwork.



Contact us with questions, we are here to help!

Call:
1-800-442-5437

You just need your case number and social security number
and the phone system will connect you with your caseworker.

Email:
DCSMods@dshs.wa.gov

Be sure to include your case number.

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www.dshs.wa.gov/dcs



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Contempt





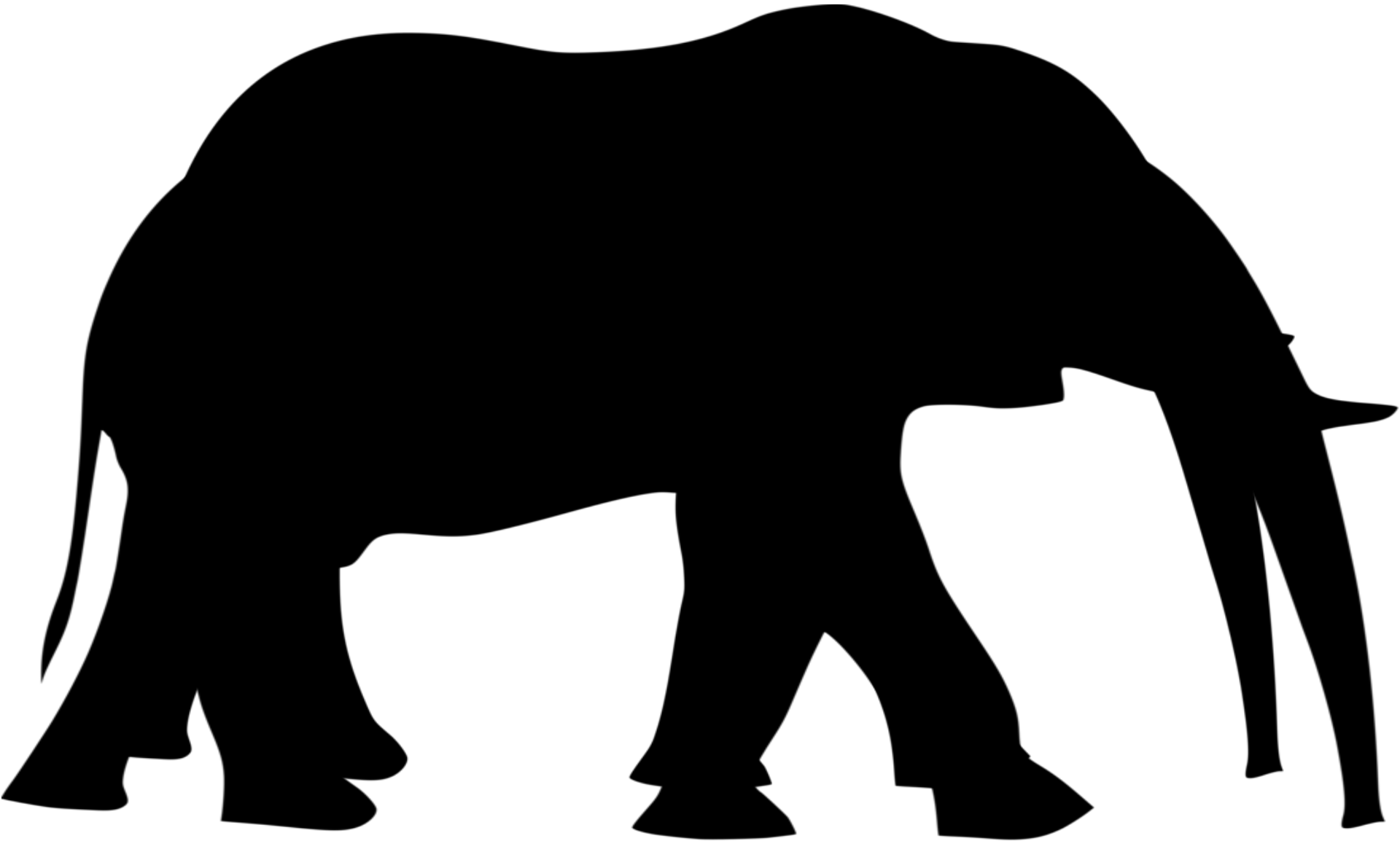
Contempt

Establishing guidelines for the use of civil contempt citations in IV-D cases. The guidelines must include requirements that the IV-D agency:

- (i) Screen the case for information regarding the noncustodial parent's ability to pay or otherwise comply with the order;
- (ii) Provide the court with such information regarding the noncustodial parent's ability to pay, or otherwise comply with the order, which may assist the court in making a factual determination regarding the noncustodial parent's ability to pay the purge amount or comply with the purge conditions; and
- (iii) Provide clear notice to the noncustodial parent that his or her ability to pay constitutes the critical question in the civil contempt action;



Intermission



Child Support Payees

- No longer allowed to pass through to child support collection agencies.





Payees 45 CFR 302.38

- The State plan shall provide that any payment required to be made under §§ 302.32 and 302.51 to a family will be made directly to the resident parent, legal guardian, caretaker relative having custody of or responsibility for the child or children, judicially-appointed conservator with a legal and fiduciary duty to the custodial parent and the child, or alternate caretaker designated in a record by the custodial parent.

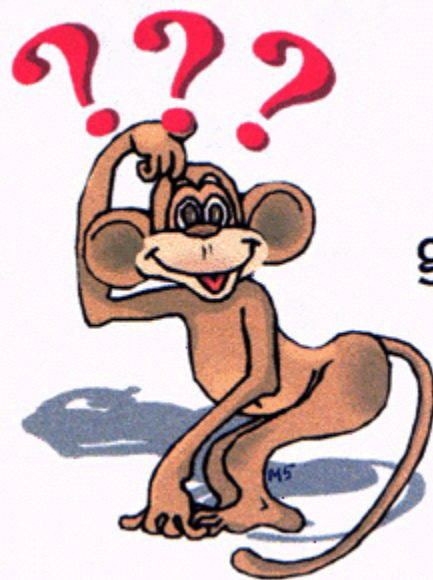
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Case Closure



Questions?



Questions
are
guaranteed in
life;
Answers
aren't.

