

Maryland Judiciary Child Support Symposium

OCSE Priorities: Year 2 Overview

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OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

Commissioner's Priorities & Vision

Vision: Engagement

3Ps: People, Process, Performance

Priorities:

- Extend flexibilities to programs during public emergencies
- Improve our collaboration with tribal programs
- Reinvest in programs that support fathers & further employment

Priorities





Priority 1: Extend Flexibilities to Programs During Public Emergencies

Priority 1 in Action: New Regulation

Paternity Establishment Percentage Performance Relief Final Rule

For federal fiscal years 2020, 2021, and 2022, the final rule:


- Modified the PEP performance threshold from 90% to 50% so that a state avoids a financial penalty
- Provided that an adverse finding in a data reliability audit of a state's paternity establishment data will not result in a financial penalty

Priority 1 in Action: Proposed Regulation

Performance Requirements Modifications During Times of National Emergencies

Would allow ACF/OCSE to provide state child support programs with relief from certain program performance penalties due to natural disasters and other calamities





Priority 2: Improve Our
Collaboration With Tribal
Programs

Priority 2 in Action: Proposed Regulation

Modification of the Tribal Non-Federal Share Requirement

Would modify the non-Federal share of program expenditures requirement, including the 90/10 and 80/20 cost sharing rates for tribal child support enforcement programs

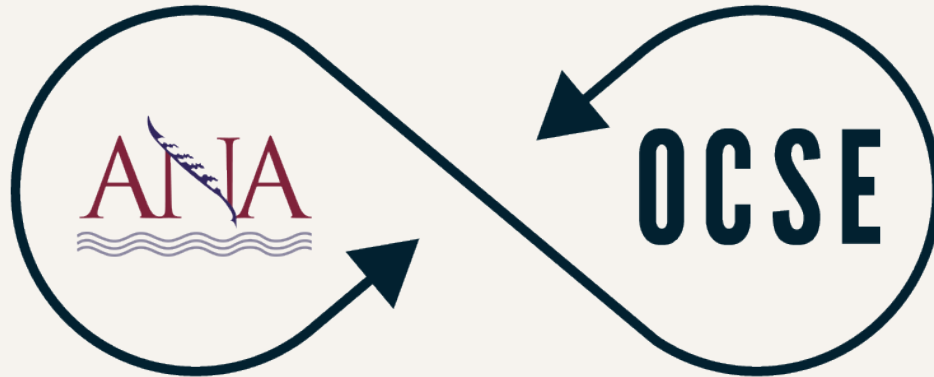


Priority 2 in Action: Human-Centered Design

- Leveraging human-centered design principles to better serve tribal nations
- Improving the tribal plan management process
- Enhancing technical assistance to tribal 1115 grantees
- Increasing tribal input on OCSE-created outreach materials

Priority 2 in Action: ANA Collaboration

Collaborate with the Administration for Native Americans to train OCSE staff on working with Indigenous Peoples



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Priority 3: Reinvest in Programs That Support Fathers and Further Employment

Priority 3 in Action: Employment Services

- Exploring employment and training services as a key program activity
- Human-centered design project on tribal noncustodial parent employment needs
- Knowledge Works initiative to provide resources for state child support-led employment services





3Ps: People, Process,
Performance

People: Proposed Regulation

Parentage Establishment in the Child Support Program

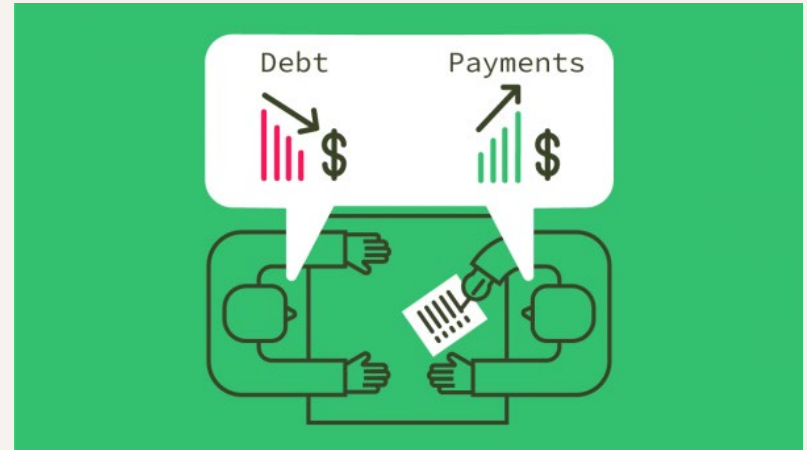
Replaces the gender-specific term paternity with the gender-neutral term parentage, where applicable



Process: Policy Issuance

IM-22-03: Family and State Benefits of Debt Compromise

Shares data on child support debt and discusses impacts and strategies states may implement to prevent, reduce, and eliminate it



Performance: Central Authority Payment Service

Electronic International Child Support Payments

A new federal service to help states reduce the burden of sending international payments electronically.



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Thank You

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