

5 Reasons to Consider Child Support Research Partnerships

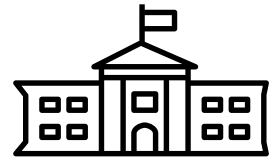
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Develop valuable relationships. States like Maryland and Wisconsin produce **timely, policy-relevant research** and data analysis that has both academic and policy interest through state university partnerships.



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Leverage funding. Research, evaluation and analysis are **allowable child support activities**. State universities may meet the requirement for state matching funds through providing their services as an **in-kind contribution or committing matching funds**.*



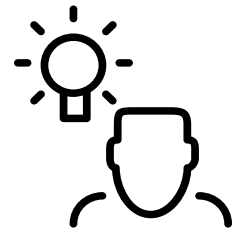
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Inform policy making. Child support pass-through and distribution research from the Institute for Research on Poverty at the University of Wisconsin **led to significant policy development** reflected in the reforms of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.



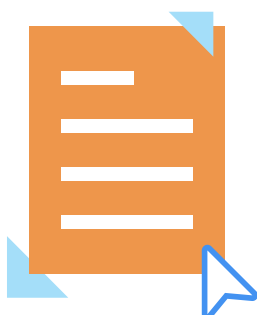
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Advance knowledge. A recent University of Maryland study found **former TANF recipients were more likely to return to welfare if they had not received child support**. These differences were most pronounced for those with incomes under \$30,000 per year.



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Improve Kids' Lives. Approximately **1 in 4 children** in the U.S. and **half of children living in poverty** are eligible for the child support program. Research that informs practice can lead to better outcomes for children and families.



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