

# NCSEA Legislative Quarterly Update



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## What is NCSEA? >>>

### Who We Are and What We Do

Our Mission: To promote and influence child support policies and services and to educate, connect, and inspire those who work in child support

Who We Are: Individuals and organizations with a passion for child support. Our members come from public, non-profit, and private sectors; and from local, state, tribal, national and international jurisdictions.

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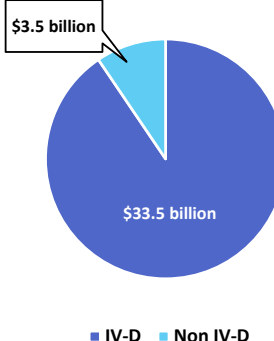


## NCSEA Legislative Priorities

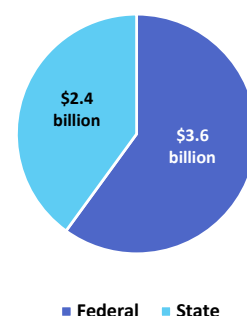
In September 2021, NCSEA submitted recommendations for legislative changes to the leadership of both the House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, presenting proposals and actions that would substantially improve the child support program. Members of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee were copied on the correspondence which covered technology, strategic partnerships and overall program operation. Read the full letter [here](#).

## FY 2020 Child Support Program Performance<sup>1</sup>

**Total FY 2020 Child Support Collections: \$37 Billion**



**Total FY 2020 Program Expenditures: \$6 Billion**



### FY 2020 Performance Highlights

#### Federal Performance Measures:

- Paternity Establishment
  - Statewide Percentage: 88%
  - IV-D Percentage: 101%
- Cases with Orders: 87%
- Current Support Collections: 66%
- Arrearage Collections: 73%
- Cost Effectiveness: \$5.51

<sup>1</sup>[https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ocse/fy\\_2020\\_preliminary\\_data\\_report.pdf](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ocse/fy_2020_preliminary_data_report.pdf)

## ***NCSEA Comments on Notice of Proposed Rulemaking >>>***

The NCSEA Board of Directors recently submitted comments in response to a notice of proposed rulemaking regarding the paternity establishment percentage performance measure.

### **Paternity Establishment Percentage Performance Relief, Federal Register, Vol. 86, No. 199, 57770**

In November 2021, NCSEA submitted comments to the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement on the proposed Paternity Establishment Percentage (PEP) modification. The revision to the PEP performance measure is in response to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Read NCSEA's full response and comments [here](#).

## ***Pending Child Support Legislation >>>***

In 2021, NCSEA worked with Senate members on two bills. They are:

### **Tribal Child Support Enforcement Act ([S. 534](#))**

The bill has been supported by NCSEA for a number of years. The Senate passed the bill by unanimous consent on July 13. Introduced by Senator John Thune (R-SD) with co-sponsor Ron Wyden (D-OR), the measure would give tribal governments equal and direct access to the Federal Tax Refund Offset Program and other resources to locate parents while ensuring that all Internal Revenue Service confidentiality safeguards are met.

### **Providing Adequate Resources to Enhance Needed Time with Sons and Daughters Act (PARENTS Act [S. 503](#))**

Also passed by unanimous consent in the Senate, the bipartisan bill was introduced in the Senate by John Cornyn (R-TX) with Democratic co-sponsors Bob Menendez (D-NJ) and Ben Cardin (D-MD). The legislation would streamline a process to allow states to use existing child support performance incentive funds to establish voluntary parenting time arrangements without requesting a waiver from OCSE. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) consistently approves those waivers, so it is an unnecessary administrative step.

## ***Other Child Support Related Updates >>>***

### **HHS Child Support Proposals for FY2023**

The Department of Health and Human Services' [fiscal year 2023 budget](#) contains no new policy or budget initiatives. However, [HHS's Administration for Children and Families' FY 2023 Congressional Budget Justification](#) contains a wealth of information on the program, beginning on page 239.

### **NCSEA Quick Facts for Legislators & Interested Parties**

NCSEA maintains Quick Facts on a variety of child support topics for easy reference. These information briefs are accessible on our [website](#).