

Presentation to the 2025 Health and Human Services Joint Appropriations Subcommittee

Child Support Services Division Human Services Practice



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Overview

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Introduction

CSSD provides services to **more than 42,000** children in over 28,000 cases to ensure a child's basic needs are covered.

- Shelter
- Food
- Clothing
- School supplies
- Medical expenses

Who can enroll for child support services?

- Custodial parents
- Non-custodial parents
- Third party custodians

Summary of Major Functions

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Major Functions



Location
of parents



Establishment of
paternity



Establishment
and enforcement
of **child support**
and **medical**
support
obligations



Modification of
child support
obligations



Collection and
disbursement of
child support

Locating Parents

CSSD uses several locate tools to identify where individuals may live or work.

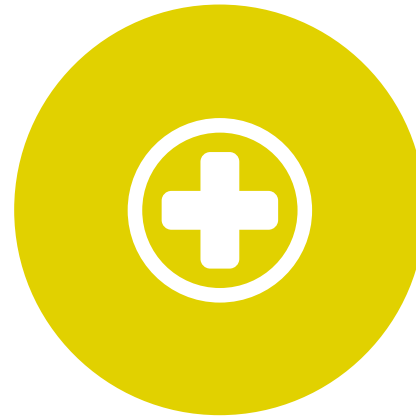
- Locate tools
 - CLEAR Data
 - Federal Parent Locator Service (FPLS)
 - National Directory of New Hires (NDNH)

Establishing Paternity

May provide a child with...



Access to social security benefits



Medical insurance



Biological information

Enforce and Modify



Enforce



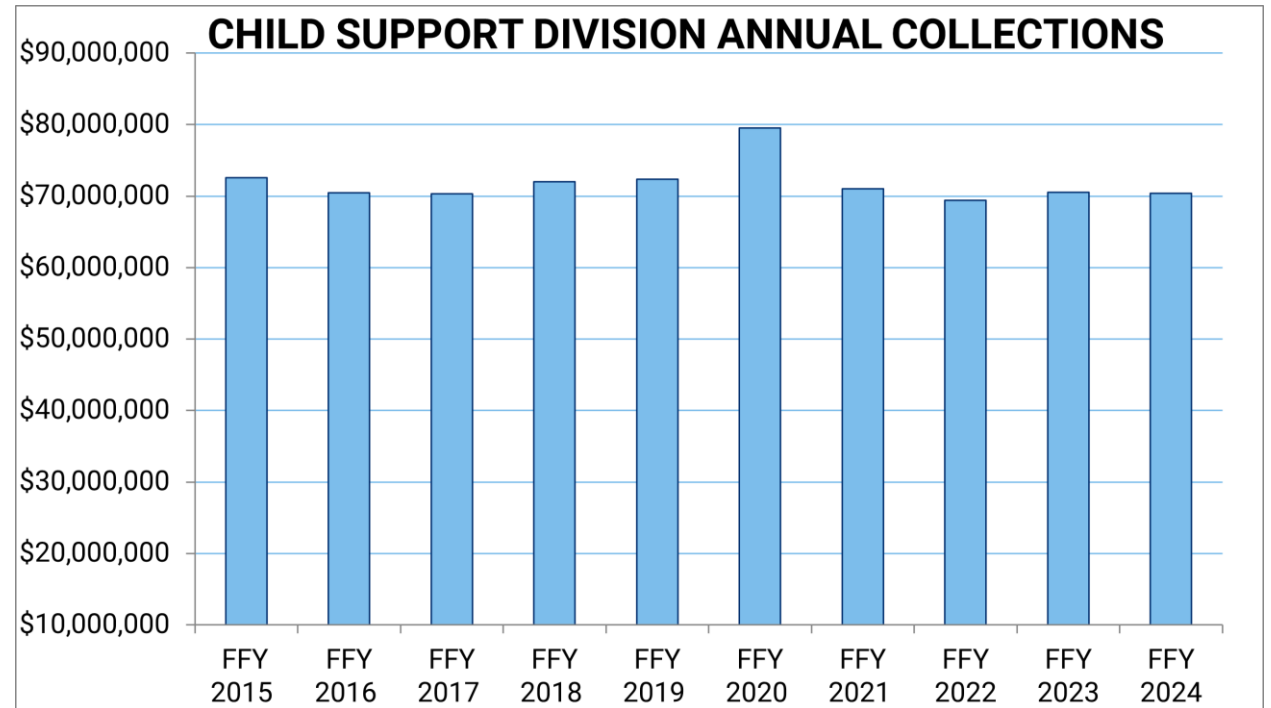
Modify

Collection and Disbursement

In FY 2024, CSSD collected and distributed over

\$69 million

in child support using several collection methods.



Highlights and Accomplishments During the 2025 Biennium

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System Modernization



Funding approved in 2023 Legislative Session to replace SEARCHS with a new cloud-based technology



Cloud-based technology will improve system maintenance and provide additional self-service options for families

Tribal Relations

Four IV-D Tribal Partners

- Confederated Salish & Kootenai
- Chippewa Cree
- Assiniboine and Gros Ventre
- Blackfeet

Collaboration focused on creating transparent and efficient processes

Employment and Training

- **Target population:** unemployed and under-employed non-custodial parents
- **Goal:** increase self-sufficiency by addressing barriers that prevent non-custodial parents from meeting their child support obligations

Funding and PB Information

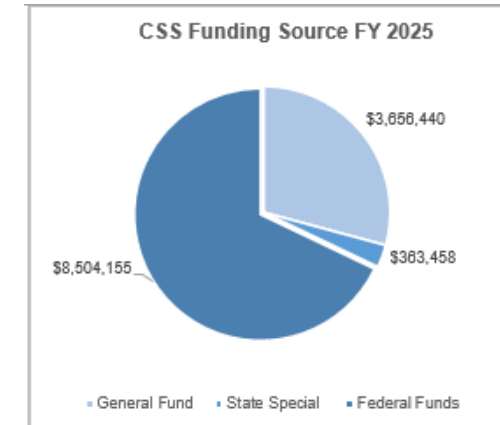
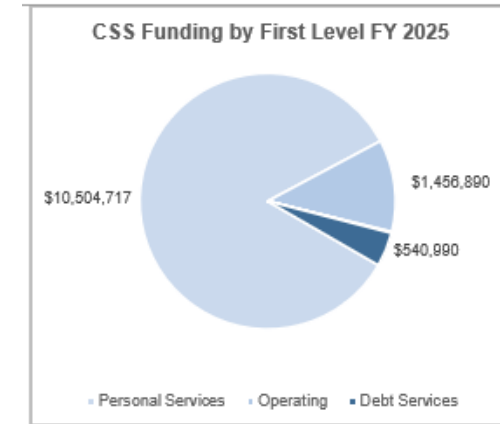
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Funding and PB Information

CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES	FY 2025 BUDGET	FY 2026 REQUEST	FY 2027 REQUEST
PB	129.81	129.81	129.81
Personal Services	\$10,504,717	\$10,637,983	\$10,662,309
Operating	\$1,456,890	\$1,456,890	\$1,456,890
Equipment	\$21,456	\$21,456	\$21,456
Local Assistance	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0
Benefits and Claims	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Services	\$540,990	\$540,990	\$540,990
TOTAL COSTS	\$12,524,053	\$12,657,319	\$12,681,645
	FY 2025 BUDGET	FY 2026 REQUEST	FY 2027 REQUEST
General Fund	\$3,656,440	\$3,701,750	\$3,710,021
State Special Fund	\$363,458	\$363,458	\$363,458
Federal Fund	\$8,504,155	\$8,592,111	\$8,608,166
TOTAL FUNDS	\$12,524,053	\$12,657,319	\$12,681,645



Change Packages

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Change Packages – Present Law (PL) Adjustments

SWPL 1 – PERSONAL SERVICES

The budget includes \$133,266 in FY 2026 and \$157,592 in FY 2027 to annualize various personal services costs including FY 2025 statewide pay plan, benefit rate adjustments, longevity adjustments related to incumbents in each position at the time of the snapshot, and vacancy savings.

	General Fund	State Special	Federal Funds	Total Request
FY 2026	\$45,310	\$0	\$87,956	\$133,266
FY 2027	\$53,581	\$0	\$104,011	\$157,592
Biennium Total	\$98,891	\$0	\$191,967	\$290,858



Conclusion

