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## NRFC Webinar Series

### *Child Support Awareness Month: A Look at How Child Support is Evolving*

## Resources

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The NRFC presented this webinar in recognition of August as Child Support Awareness Month. As we heard in our March 2013 and April 2015 NRFC webinars, child support programs are evolving at the national and state levels and moving away from “welfare cost recovery” models to “family centered practices” that emphasize accurate child support orders based on actual income, family distribution, debt prevention, and services to help noncustodial parents who need help obtaining steady employment.

The following resources may be helpful for fatherhood programs and fathers.

#### **Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE)**

- [National Child Support Strategic Plan: 2015-2019](#) – This plan is organized around five principles that provide a vision for the future of the program: 1) Families First, 2) Case-Specific Tools, 3) Modern Technology, 4) Resourceful Leadership, and 5) Evidence-Based. In addition to these five principles, the plan lays out 25 goals and more than a hundred innovative strategies that many state, tribal, and county child support agencies are already putting into practice.
- [Child Support Handbook: Information for Families](#) - General information for custodial and non-custodial parents.
- Contact information for [state child support programs](#).
- [Changing a Child Support Order](#) – This 2014 guide provides information to help parents, and people who work with parents, better understand the child support review and modification process. The guide explains how parents can request to have their child support order changed if their financial or living situation changes.
- [State by State - How to Change a Child Support Order](#) – Links to guides for each state.
- [Child Support: More Money for Families](#) – An infographic with an overview of three child support program areas: collections, caseload, and cost-effectiveness.
- [Jobs Not Jail](#) - This infographic contrasts the impactful cost and benefit differences between “Jobs” and “Jail.” It shows how work-oriented services are helping parents find work, stay employed, pay child support, and avoid crime - at relatively little cost.

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The Center for Family Policy and Practice provides various resources on child support for practitioners working with low-income fathers and families, including:

- [Child Support Basics: Information for Financial Education and Asset Development Programs.](#)
- [Low-Income Fathers and Child Support Debt: A Primer for Financial Literacy and Fatherhood Service Providers.](#)
- [Negotiating the Child Support System: Recommendations from a Discussion of Policy and Practice.](#)

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- [Working with Child Support – Continuing the Conversation](#) (April 15, 2015 webinar)
- [Working with Child Support – Effective Strategies from Model State and Local Partnerships](#) (March 28, 2013 webinar).

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