

Sec. 17b-179(a)-1. Definitions for the Title IV-D program

As used in sections 17b-179(a)-1 through 17b-179(a)-4, inclusive; 17b-179(b)-1; 17b-179(b)-2; 17b-179(f)-1; 17b-179(i)-1; 17b-179(m)-1 through 17b-179(m)-13, inclusive; 52-362d-1 through 52-362d-5, inclusive; and 52-362e-1 through 52-362e-3, inclusive:

(1) “AGO” means the Connecticut Attorney General’s office, or any assistant attorney general within such office who is responsible for performing any IV-D function in accordance with the cooperative agreement between the department and such office.

(2) “Assistance case” means one in which the recipient of IV-D services is receiving benefits under the TFA or foster care programs, or the federal waiver granted under section 1115 of the Social Security Act.

(3) “BCSE” means the Bureau of Child Support Enforcement established within the department by section 17b-179 of the Connecticut General Statutes as the IV-D agency for the State of Connecticut.

(4) “Case record” means the automated and paper files of BCSE and its cooperating agencies relating to a particular child support enforcement case, which shall include all information and documents pertaining to the case, as well as all relevant facts, dates, actions taken, contacts made, and results in the case.

(5) “CCSES” means the Connecticut Child Support Enforcement System, the automated system used by BCSE and its cooperating agencies to collect and distribute child support and maintain related records.

(6) “Commissioner” means the commissioner of the Department of Social Services, a designee, or authorized representative.

(7) “Cooperating agency” means any Connecticut state agency under cooperative or purchase of service agreement with BCSE to provide IV-D services or perform IV-D functions as specified in federal or state statutes or regulations.

(8) “Custodial party” means the individual who has physical custody of a child, or, in foster care cases, the Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families.

(9) “Department” means the Department of Social Services or any bureau, division, or agency of the Department of Social Services.

(10) “FPLS” means the Federal Parent Locator Service operated by OCSE.

(11) “IV-D” means the child support enforcement program mandated by Title IV-D of the federal Social Security Act and implementing OCSE regulations, as implemented in Connecticut under section 17b-179 of the Connecticut General Statutes and related statutes and regulations.

(12) “IV-D agency” means the single and separate organizational unit within state government that has the responsibility for administering or supervising the administration of the IV-D state plan.

(13) “Location” means information concerning the physical whereabouts of the noncustodial parent, the noncustodial parent’s employer(s), and other sources of income or assets, as appropriate, which is sufficient and necessary to take the next appropriate action in a case.

(14) “Non-assistance case” means one in which the recipient of IV-D services applied for such services, is a Medicaid recipient, or is receiving continuation of services following discontinuance of an assistance or Medicaid case.

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(15) “Noncustodial parent” means the parent who does not have physical custody of the child receiving IV-D services.

(16) “OCSE” means the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement within the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families.

(17) “SED” means the Support Enforcement Division within the Connecticut Judicial Branch, an agency under cooperative agreement with BCSE to assist in administering the IV-D program for the State of Connecticut.

(18) “SPLS” means the State Parent Locator Service operated by BCSE.

(19) “Support order” means a judgment, decree, or order, whether temporary, final, or subject to modification, issued by a court or an administrative agency of competent jurisdiction, for the support and maintenance of a child, including a child who has attained the age of majority under the law of the issuing state, or of the parent with whom the child is living, which provides for monetary support, health care, arrearages, or reimbursement, and which may include related costs and fees, interest and penalties, income withholding, attorneys’ fees, and other relief.

(20) “TFA” means the Temporary Family Assistance program established under section 17b-112 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(21) “UIFSA” means the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act, model legislation approved and recommended for enactment in all the states by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and adopted in Connecticut as sections 46b-212 to 46b-213v, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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