

**Montgomery County, Ohio**  
**Child Support Enforcement Agency**  
**Glossary**

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**ABFU**

Automated Bank File Update

**Absent Parent**

Non-custodial parent adjudicated to be the parent, not living in the same household as the child(ren).

**ACH (Automated Clearing House)**

Central distribution and settlement point where electronic debits and credits between financial institutions are cleared.

**ADC (Aid to Dependent Children)**

The program was established by the Social Security Act of 1935. ADC is a federal and state financial cash assistance program administered by the state and designed to meet the needs of dependent children and their parents (or persons caring for the children) who require cash assistance when their resources and other resources are insufficient to meet the minimum need for maintenance according to state standards.

**Adjudicated**

Arrears not considered in default. Adjudicated arrears are recognized by either a court order or administratively.

**Administrative Notice of Default**

Notification to an obligor that he/she is in default, and subject to one or more enforcement remedies to satisfy the support obligation.

**Administrative Process**

The statutory system granting authority to an administrative agency to determine paternity and to establish, modify and enforce child support orders. The CSEA in each Ohio County is the local agency granted authority to conduct and perform the administrative process function.

**Administrative Subpoenas**

Issued by a state or county agency, by statute, commanding an individual to appear at a certain time and place to give testimony regarding a certain matter; or to provide information.

**AFDC**

Aid to Families with Dependent Children

**Affidavit**

Sworn or attested, notarized documents executed in lieu of formal court room testimony.

**Age of Majority**

Attained upon one's 18th birthday, however, a child support order will remain in effect beyond attainment of 18 as long as the child continuously attends an accredited high school on a full-time basis. No current obligation remains in effect after the child attains the age of 19, unless a court orders otherwise.

**Alleged Father**

A person who has been named as the father of a child born out of wedlock, but for whom paternity has not been established.

**Applicant**

A person applying for IV-D services (as contrasted with someone who is already receiving IV-D services.)

**Arrearage**

Delinquent and/or past due support and/or alimony monies.

**Assigned Arrears**

Arrears accrued prior to the custodial parent receiving ADC which are signed over to the state at the time of application. These are accumulated payments owed to a custodial parent but allocated to the State of Ohio once the custodial parent begins receiving public assistance; assigned arrearage defrays some of the state's support-related arrears.

**Assignment of Income (Support)**

Federal and state requirements that PA clients assign any and all rights they have to income such as child support and social security benefits. These rights are assigned automatically upon the clients' approval of their eligibility for public assistance benefits. Assignments are released at the time of grant termination.

**- B - Top of Form****Bankruptcy - Chapter 7**

Form of bankruptcy which results in the liquidation of all of the Debtor's nonexempt assets. The liquidated assets are distributed first to the Debtor's secured creditors and the balance, if any, is distributed to the unsecured creditors. Child support obligations are both secured (paid first) and exempt from discharge (protected from force and effect of bankruptcy).

**Bankruptcy - Chapter 11**

Form of bankruptcy which is designed to help Debtors rehabilitate and reorganize themselves financially. Creditors demands are satisfied from Debtor's future earnings, rather than from his/her assets. Support obligations take precedence over other debts and are exempt from discharge.

**Bankruptcy - Chapter 13**

Form of bankruptcy which results in the eventual satisfaction of all debts. A Trustee makes all financial decisions for Debtor during the pay off period. Support obligations are given priority but IRS offsets are specifically precluded.

**Billing**

The automatic billing of all cases with obligations, excluding wage withholding cases, whether payments are current or in arrears.

**Blood Testing**

See Paternity

**Bond**

A secured monetary instrument held in escrow for the purpose of release of monies to the CSEA in the case of a missed payment by the absent parent.

**BOW**

Born out of wedlock

**Buccal Swab**

A recognized form of genetic testing used to determine paternity, which involves a q-tip type instrument for collecting saliva from individuals submitted to testing.

**Caretaker**

The person responsible for a dependent child's health or welfare, who has temporary or legal custody of the child.

**Case**

The SETS database views a case as a family unit with a unique parent combination and their common child(ren).

**Case Closure**

Federally mandated reasons for an agency to close a case. Classification of a case as closed does not terminate the court order or the legal obligation to pay any outstanding arrears.

**Case Number**

A unique 10-digit, system assigned number used to identify a SETS case; originally the application number for IV-D services; used to identify a group of participants within SETS.

**CCPA (Consumer Credit Protection Act)**

Federal legislation limiting the amount of withholdings and garnishments against employees earnings. For support purposes, 50% may be withheld where obligors have no arrearages but have second families. An additional 5% can be withheld for arrearages in excess of 12 weeks value. 60% may be withheld where obligors have no arrearages and no second families. An additional 5% can also be withheld for arrearages.

**Central Paternity Registry (CPR)**

CPR is a clearinghouse of birthing information obtained as a result of the establishment of a parent/child relationship on out-of-wedlock births in Ohio.

**Central Registry**

A centralized unit, maintained by every state IV-D agency that is responsible for receiving, distributing, and responding to inquiries on interstate IV-D cases.

**Certificate of Mailing**

Certificates stamped by the post office evidencing that particular documents were mailed, the date mailed and the address to which directed. They are similar to Certified Mail, Return Receipts, but they do not prove actual receipt. The Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure require that Certificates of Mailing be prepared by and/or filed with the Clerk of Courts under specific circumstances.

**Child Support**

An amount of money under a court or administrative order that is due and owed by the non-custodial parent for the support of the parent's child(ren).

**Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)**

Medical assistance for children up to the age of 19 with family income at or below 150% of the poverty level.

**CFR**

Code of Federal Regulations

**Child Support Guidelines**

Schedules for determining uniform, adequate and fair amounts of child support. The underlying data concerning the cost of providing food, shelter, clothing, transportation, education and miscellaneous expenses for children in urban and rural environments was drawn from United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) statistics.

**Collection Date**

Date a payment is received by the CSEA or in wage withholding, the date the income is irrevocably withheld.

**Collection Year (Taxes)**

The year in which the taxes are filed. (1995 taxes are filed in 1996, making 1996 the collection year.)

**Consent Agreement**

Voluntary written admission of paternity or responsibility of child support.

**Contempt of Court**

Any act in willful defiance of the court's authority or dignity, or, tending to impede or frustrate the administration of justice. Contempt is punishable by fines and/or jail sentences.

**Cooperation**

The custodial parent must provide, as a condition of receiving public assistance benefits, sufficient information to identify a child's father and/or establish, modify, and enforce a support order, inclusive of submitting to genetic testing and appearing at paternity and child support proceedings.

**Correspondence**

Information received in lockbox on a paper document which is meant to update SETS with current or accurate data specific to a participant or case/order.

**Continuing Exclusive Jurisdiction**

A state is said to have Continuing Exclusive Jurisdiction (CEJ) when it has issued a support order and remains the residence of the obligor, the individual obligee or the child unless the individual parties agree in writing to vest jurisdiction in another state.

**County of Jurisdiction**

The county the support order, administratively or judicially, was established or will be established.

**County of Residence**

The county in which the recipient of child support services is residing.

**Court Order Jurisdiction**

The court that established the order.

**Coverage Types**

Medical insurance policy coverage types.

**Credit Bureau Report**

See Consumer Credit Profile (Report)

**CRA (Credit Reporting Agency)**

Private credit bureaus which provide consumer credit profiles (reports) to CSEA pursuant to cooperative agreements. (See Consumer Credit Profile.)

**CRIS-E**

Client Registry Information System - Enhanced. The Ohio Department of Human Services developed and implemented an integrated, automated computer system to support the processing of the ADC, Food Stamp, Disability Assistance, Medicaid, and JOBS programs.

**CSE**

Child Support Enforcement

**CSEA (Child Support Enforcement Agency)**

The CSEA is the local arm of the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services (ODJFS), Office of Child Support (OCS). Each of the State's 88 counties has a CSEA.

**Current Assistance Case**

A case where the children are recipients of benefits under Ohio Works First, Medicaid, or entitled to foster care maintenance payments; the support rights have been assigned to a state, and a referral to the IV-D agency for child support, spousal support, or medical support has been made.

**Current IV-A Assistance Collections**

Child support, spousal support, or medical support collections for a current IV-A assistance case. This is a case where the children are recipients of OWF; the support rights have been assigned to the state; and a referral to the IV-D agency has been made.

**Current IV-E Assistance Collections**

Child support, spousal support, or medical support collections for a current IV-E assistance case. This is a case where the children are entitled to foster care maintenance payments under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act; the support rights have been assigned to the state; and a referral to the IV-D agency has been made.

**Current Support Obligation**

The total of the monthly child support obligation plus the monthly spousal support obligation.

**Custodial Parent**

See Custodian

**Custody Order**

Legally binding determination that establishes with whom a child shall live.

**Custodian**

A person who has the responsibility or care of something or someone.

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See Collection Date

**Date of Receipt**

The date a payment is received by the CSEA of jurisdiction.

**Declaration of Paternity**

Signed and attested documents filed with the Ohio Department of Vital Statistics by biological, non-legal fathers of illegitimate children subsequent to their intermarrying with the mothers of such children. The Declarations are provided by the County Probate Court, Marriage License Division. NB Mothers must have been unmarried at the time of conception. If married, husband is presumed to be the father.

**Default**

Any case that has fallen behind in the payment schedule equivalent to one months support obligation.

**Delinquent**

Any case that has fallen behind in the payment schedule.

**Disbursement**

The function of tracking all monies (checks or EFTs) distributed through SETS. See the Disbursements section for a complete explanation of how disbursements are handled within SETS.

**Division D Order**

Paragraph D of ORC Section 3113.21 authorizes the interception of some lump-sum payments due to support obligors with accumulated arrearages and their transmission to CSEA.

**Duty of Support**

Imposed by law, decree, or judgment of court, whether interlocutory or final, and whether incidental to proceedings in divorce, legal separation, sustenance alimony, paternity, or otherwise, and includes the duty to pay arrearages arising from delinquent support payments.

**- E - Top of Form****EFT/EDI ( Electronic Funds Transfer/ Electronic Data Interchange)**

EFT/EDI is a standard electronic payment protocol in use with many employers and payroll processors today for such transactions as paying employee tax withholdings.

**Emancipation (Age of)**

Month and year a child reaches the age of majority (18 in Ohio).

**Enforcement**

Methods to ensure payment of the obligation by the obligor.

**- F - Top of Form****Federal Case Registry (FCR)**

A computerized Federal System in which all child support cases in all states are entered and tracked.

**FIDM**

Financial Institution Data Match

**Foster Care**

Legal custody award of children with a Public Children Services Agency upon finding of probable cause or of actual finding of dependency, abuse, neglect and in some instances delinquency. CSEA secures support and maintenance orders on behalf of the PCSA.

**FPLS**

Federal Parent Locator Services

**- G - Top of Form****Genetic Testing**

See Paternity

**Gift Deeming**

By Ohio statute, direct payments of support from Obligor to Obligee are to be considered as gifts and are not to be credited against the Obligor's support obligation. Direct payments, therefore, result in the accrual of support arrearages and may subject the Obligor to legal sanctions.

**Grant Amount**

The current month's public assistance monies authorized to be paid to the family.

**Guidelines Calculations**

Allows the CSEA to record the necessary information so that the guidelines amount for child support orders can be calculated.

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**Hearing, Right to**

The right that an applicant/participant has to have her individual situation reviewed by a state hearing officer for the purpose of deciding whether or not an action taken or proposed by the county child support enforcement agency is correct.

**Hearing Officer**

An impartial ODJFS or CSEA employee with no personal stake or involvement in a case, who listens to both the applicant/recipient and department representatives in order to rule on a determination being appealed.

**HLA**

Human Leukocyte (Lymphocyte) Antigen Testing for the establishment of paternity.

**Hold**

Prevents the disbursing of payments received.

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**IM**

Income Maintenance (financial and medical assistance).

**Imputing Income**

The act of awarding potential income to individuals not employed or voluntarily underemployed; the CSEA or court may project using the child support guidelines, an income base for purposes of establishing a support obligation.

**Initiating State (URES A)**

Any state in which a proceeding pursuant to URES A law is commenced. The state which requests assistance from another state is considered the initiating state.

**Injured Spouse**

Joint filer for income tax refund monies. Such injured spouse can demand adjustment (e.g., payment for support arrearage monies withheld from his or her share of tax refunds). Even though the injured spouse claim has a six year statute of limitations, CSEA releases the monies to Human Services or to obligee after a six month impound period.

**Inquiry Function**

Provides the worker the capability of conducting statewide inquiry only of existing case, and all actions taken in a particular case unless the information is confidential.

**Interactive Interview**

The conducting of a face to face interview with an applicant/participant using a computer terminal to data enter information received enabling the automatic determination of eligibility and level of benefits.

**Interstate Case**

A state requests or receives a request for assistance from another state for any of the following actions: locate an absent parent, establish paternity, establish a support order, collection actions, enforcement actions, or register a support order. See the Interstate section for additional information on this topic.

**IV-A**

Title IV-A, federally mandated Aid to Families with Dependent Children

**IV-A/IV-D Interface**

An automated information exchange of data between IV-A (Public Assistance) and IV-D (Child Support Enforcement Agency).

## **IV-D**

Title IV-D, federally mandated Child Support Enforcement

### **IV-D Application**

A written, signed document required to be completed for individuals desiring child support services that are currently not receiving public assistance benefits.

## **IV-E**

Title IV-E, federally mandated Child Welfare

### **IV-E/IV-D Interface**

A automated information exchange between Public Children Service Agencies, Public Assistance Agencies and Child Support.

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### **Joint Return**

The obligor's IRS tax return was filed jointly with current spouse. If the case is a Non Public Assistance Case and the return was filed jointly, the CSEA will hold a payment for six months or until an adjustment is reported, whichever comes first.

### **Judgment**

The official decision of a court of justice upon the respective rights and claims of the parties to an action or suit.

### **Jurisdiction**

Rights or powers of court, agency (CSEA) or person to act. There are three (3) types: 1. subject matter (paternity action), 2. person (Ohio Resident) and 3. residence (escrowed support account). If courts, agencies or persons act without having proper jurisdiction, then their acts are void or voidable. Voidable acts occur where parties voluntarily submit to the court, agency or person acting without proper jurisdiction.

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### **LEAP (Learning Earning and Parenting Program)**

A component of Ohio's JOBS program. The program goal is to improve the educational attainment of teens subject to LEAP requirements who are receiving ADC benefits.

### **Lien (Judgment)**

Charges or encumbrances against the property of Debtors, Judgment liens arise from judicial orders that Debtors owe money to Creditors. Liens are filed with the Clerk of Courts and with the County Recorder. Until the full amount of liens have been satisfied, Debtors are unable to transfer good title to their property to purchasers. Liens must be re-filed periodically. Liens may be secured for support Arrearages.

### **Locate**

Subsystem is used to identify the physical whereabouts of an individual, the individual's employer, and/or other sources of income and assets associated with the individual.

### **Lump Sum**

A single payment which covers numerous obligations for a single obligor; lump sum payments are often bonuses or lottery winnings, and are allocated according to a special lump sum hierarchy.

**Lump Sum Intercept**

Federal and state legislation requiring employers to withhold certain monies due support obligors and to transmit these monies to CSEA for payment of support and/or support arrearages.

**Lump Sum Judgment**

A court may reduce a child support or alimony arrearage to a lump-sum judgment. Once a lump-sum judgment has been obtained it may be enforced either by obtaining a lien or by using the income withholding enforcement tools.

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**Medicaid (Title XIX)**

A federal and state funded public assistance program administered by the state. This program provides payment for medical expenses for eligible low income persons who are aged 65 or over, blind, disabled, under 21, pregnant, or members of families with dependent children. The extent of medical care which may be paid is governed by Ohio's Medical program.

**Medical Support**

The CSEA shall secure and enforce the requirement for medical insurance for all IV-D cases when coverage is available and reasonable or expected to become available.

**Mistake of Fact Hearing**

A hearing to determine if there was an error in the amount of current or overdue support or in the identity of the alleged absent parent.

**Modified Arrears**

Adjustment of the support arrearage obligation.

**Modification of Support**

Change of prior support orders based upon a substantial change in circumstances. For example, the income of one party substantially increases or a support order which deviates from amounts reflected by the Child Support Guidelines by more than 10% is deemed to be a substantial change warranting an increase in the support order.

**Monthly Administration**

A calculation which will allow the CSEA to administer support orders on a monthly basis.

**MSFIDM**

Multi-State Financial Institution Data Match - a service created by the Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998. MSFIDM provides multi-state financial institutions the option of coordinating with a single point of contact rather than dealing with each state separately.

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**Never Assigned Arrears**

An arrears balance that accrues to an order whenever the case is not receiving Public Assistance. Collections applied to this arrearage category are payable to the Family.

**New Hire Reporting**

Program that requires all employers to report newly hired employees to the State Directory of New Hires in Ohio.

**Non-Adjudicated**

Accumulating arrears resulting from nonpayment of current support obligation. Unadjudicated arrears are used in determining default. (Also "unadjudicated")

**Non-Custodian**

Person not responsible for the care of something or someone.

**Notice**

Notices are documents that are sent to the parties involved in a SETS case to inform the parties of: scheduled hearings, the results of hearings, if an overpayment has occurred, or for some action the CSEA is preparing to take on a case. Notices are also sent to entities to verify employment, address information and assets.

**NSF**

Non-Sufficient Funds

**NSF Check**

Monetary warrant, check or draft refused for payment by appropriate financial institution upon the grounds that it holds insufficient funds to cover any or all of the monies ordered paid pursuant to such warrant, check or draft. CSEA must process support payments within two business days of its receipt, CSEA is forced to recoup NSF monies to obligees. CSEA may seek criminal prosecution for intentional writing of NSF checks.

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**OAC (Ohio Administrative Code)**

Procedural and regulatory rules which facilitate the implementation of Ohio law by governmental agencies. The OAC does not carry the full force and effect of law.

**OBES**

Ohio Bureau of Employment Services.

**Obligee**

Any person, including a state or political subdivision, to whom a duty of support is owed or a person, including a state or political subdivision, that has commenced proceedings for enforcement of actual or alleged duty of support or registration of foreign support order. It is immaterial if the person to whom a duty of support is owed is a recipient of public assistance.

**Obligor**

Any person owing a duty of support or against whom proceedings for enforcement of a duty of support or a registration of support orders is commenced.

**OBMV**

Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

**OCDA (Ohio CSEA Directors Association)**

The OCDA represents 82 of the 88 county directors throughout the State. This group serves as a primary stakeholder to ODJFS in the implementation of products, services and operations in the Office of Child Support. ODJFS, through the OCDA/ODJFS Joint Committee on SETS Issues, has been working closely with OCDA members throughout the Ohio CSPP planning efforts. For more information on the OCDA/ODJFS Joint Committee on SETS Issues, please contact your county's CSEA Director.

**OCSE (Office of Child Support Enforcement)**

Federal Health and Human Services program to establish standards for state IV-D enforcement programs and agencies, to monitor such programs and agencies, and to facilitate their functioning through funding, regulation and training.

**ODJFS (Ohio Department of Job and Family Services)**

The State agency with responsibility for program development and administrative support for the Child Support Enforcement Program under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act. Ohio's operating child support structure is one in which IV-D services are state supervised, but county administered. The primary role of ODJFS is to act as an advisor to all 88 counties on policy and technical issues.

**Ohio Revised Code (ORC)**

Statutory and regulatory law of Ohio as opposed to court mandated common law. ORC also codifies common law.

**Ohio Works First (OWF)**

A benefit program of Ohio to divert IV-A clients into jobs which will promote skills as well as bring monetary benefits to the client.

**Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1981**

Federal legislation providing for the withholding of unemployment compensation benefits for support purposes.

**OPLS (Ohio Parent Locator Service)**

An obsolete phrase replaced by the term State Locate Services.

**ORC (Ohio Revised Code)**

Statutory and regulatory law of Ohio as opposed to court mandated common law. ORC also codifies common law.

**Order**

The legal document specifying any support obligations.

**Overpayment**

Where obligors payment exceed the amount of support and/or support arrearages due; where obligee accepts and retains (without reporting same) direct payments of support and/or support arrearages. IV-A overpayments are eligible for grant reduction. IV-D overpayments are not.

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Public Assistance

**Parent Locator Service**

A computerized location network operated by the Federal Office of Child Support (FPLS) and the State of Ohio (OPLS).

**Passport Denial Program**

Created by PRWORA of 1996 to deny passports to obligors with child support arrearages of at least \$5000 that are submitted for Federal Tax Offset.

**Paternity (Genetic Tissue Testing)**

Paternity tests examine genetic characteristics (markers) found within blood cell tissue. The four basic testing types are: 1. Common Blood Group (ABO) Exclusions - 100% accurate; 2. Human Leukocyte Antigen (HLA) - 99.98 % accurate; 3. Electrophoresis - 99.99 % accurate; and 4. DNA Probe - 99.99+ % accurate. Test results are reported as 1. absolute exclusions and 2. probabilities of paternity.

**Paternity Affidavit**

Attested, notarized documents executed in lieu of formal courtroom testimony for acknowledgment of paternity.

**Payee**

An individual to whom child support payments are to be made on behalf of the child.

**Payor**

An individual who has been ordered to make child support payments.

**PCSA**

Public Children Services Agency. The PCSA will forward referrals to the IV-D agency for all of their IV-E cases and other substitute care cases if they so desire.

**Permanently Assigned Arrears**

An arrears balance that accrues to an order whenever the case is actively receiving Public Assistance. Collections applied to such arrearages are payable to the state.

**Postal Verification**

Confirmation by the post office in determining the current address of an obligor.

**Poster Program**

A program which publishes and displays a series of posters with photographs of child support obligors who are delinquent in their support payments and unlocatable.

**Processing Fees**

Statutory service fee assessed against support obligations to cover the cost of posting receipts and disbursing payments.

**PRWORA (Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996)**

Key welfare reform legislation designed to enhance the delivery of services to citizens and taxpayers in the State of Ohio and other states.

**Putative**

Alleged. Especially persons alleged or reputed to be biological parents of children born out of wedlock.

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**Quick Administrative Enforcement**

An interstate situation involving administrative enforcement action limited to financial institution data matching to locate assets, freeze assets and seize assets to satisfy child support arrears.

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**Record Retention**

The requirement for all case records to be maintained over a period of time by the CSEA having jurisdiction over the case.

**Recoupment Account**

An account established by a Child Support Enforcement Agency in order to collect funds owed the Agency due to a [returned](#) check or over disbursement.

**Residential**

The address for the physical location of an individuals residence.

**Responding State (URESAs)**

Any state in which a proceeding pursuant to the URESA proceeding in the initiating state is or may be commenced. It is the state which responds to another state's request for assistance.

**Review and Adjustment**

The act of reexamining a support order for possible changes to that order.

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**SB**

Senate Bill

**Service of Process**

Delivery of subpoenas and summons which command that certain acts be done, such as provision of records and appearance for court hearings. Service is accomplished through four devices: 1. Personal, 2. Publication, 3. Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, and 4. Ordinary Mail as evidenced by a Certificate of Mailing. The Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure prescribe the type of service to use.

**SETS (Support Enforcement Tracking System)**

SETS is the internal system developed by ODJFS for case establishment, case management and financial management of both IVD and Non-IV-D cases in the State of Ohio. SETS is being designed pursuant to federal requirements outlined in the Family Support Act of 1988, PRWORA96 and other federal and state statutory and regulatory articles.

**Spousal Support (Collections)**

Collections for alimony to a former spouse.

**State Hearing**

When an action is taken by an agency and the applicant/recipient disagrees with that action, he/she may request a state hearing. The hearing officer decide whether the action is appropriate and what the outcome will be.

**SSFIDM**

Single State Financial Instituion Data Match

**SSN**

Social Security Number

**Support (Duty of)**

Any duty of support imposed by law (ORC 2919.21 and 3103.03) decree or judgment of Court, whether interlocutory or final, and whether incidental to proceedings in divorce, legal separation, sustenance alimony (ORC 3109.05), paternity (ORC 3111.13) or otherwise and includes the duty to pay arrearages arising from delinquent support payments.

**Support Arrears**

The arrearage accrues when a portion of or all of the current support ordered to be paid under a court or administrative support order is past-due.

**Support Order**

Any judgment, decree or order of support in favor of an obligee, whether temporary or final, or subject to modification, revocation or remission, regardless of the kind of action or proceeding through which such judgment, decree or order is entered.

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**TANF**

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, which is termed OWF (see definition) in Ohio.

**Tax Offset**

May be done by either by the Federal Internal Revenue Service or the State of Ohio or both, to withhold and offset the tax refunds of non-custodial parents to collect support arrearages.

**Termination of Order**

The point where the entire child support obligation has been fulfilled and an action has been ordered either administratively or by the court to end any further payments by the obligor.

### **Time Frames**

The CSEA must establish an order of support or serve process necessary to begin action to establish an order within 90 calendar days from locating the absent parent, inclusive of paternity establishment.

### **Third Party**

Entities with whom the CSEA has dealings, such as employers, insurance companies, testing laboratories, courts, agencies, etc. See the Third Party section for complete information on this topic.

### **TRO (Tax Refund Offset)**

Procedures whereby Support Obligor's federal and state income tax refunds are intercepted and offset against outstanding arrearages.

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### **UIFSA**

Uniform Interstate Family Support Act

### **Unadjudicated**

Accumulating arrears resulting from nonpayment of current support obligation. Unadjudicated arrears are used in determining default. (Also referred to as "non-adjudicated.")

### **Unclaimed Funds**

Collections that cannot be disbursed because the obligee cannot be located, the obligor is unknown, or outstanding checks which have not been redeemed become void.

### **URA (Unreimbursed PA)**

The excess of the total amount of assistance received (grant amount) over the total payments received for a support order.

### **URESAs (Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act)**

Legislation enacted by all 50 states, D.C., and Puerto Rico whereby custodial parents residing in one state formally enforce or establish support orders in a second jurisdiction where the absent parent resides.

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### **Verification**

Address, employment, and asset information can be received from many different sources and the worker must verify this information to make sure it is current and accurate.

### **Voluntary Payments**

Any payment made when no support order exists.

### **VRU (Voice Response Unit)**

A system generated statewide network that will provide the recipient with current payment information concerning their child support case. See the Voice Response Unit (VRU) section for additional information on this feature.

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### **Wage Withholding (also "Income Withholding")**

Federal and state legislation requiring employers to deduct court ordered sums from employees wages to transmit such monies to CSEA for support and/or support arrearage payments. Orders for wage withholding take precedence over all other forms of garnishment. The Consumer Credit Protection Act (CCPA) limits the amounts that can be wage withheld to a maximum of 65 % where arrearages exist. Two or more orders for withholding must be prorated.

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