

Sauk County, Wisconsin

2016 Sauk County Child Support Agency Annual Report

2016 Mission: Provide effective and quality service to the public with respect to establishment and enforcement of child support, medical support, establishment of paternity, and all other functions of the child support program.

Departmental Program Summary:

The Sauk County Child Support Agency is responsible for establishing paternity for children born to unmarried females, or to females who are currently married but the husband is not the biological father of the child born during the marriage. The agency must also establish orders for child support and health insurance for any parent receiving public assistance benefits or any parent who applies for the Agency’s services. We must meet federal timelines in accomplishing these tasks. We must perform locate functions in an attempt to find parents who do not reside with their children. We must file intergovernmental actions when in-state actions fail or are inappropriate. We must also make sure that collections are made in each federal fiscal year towards arrearages, interest, and birth cost balances. We are required to perform reviews of existing child support orders every 33 months or upon written request of the parties, to determine if the amount of child support ordered complies with state guidelines. Cases are certified through computer interface for both federal and state tax intercept programs and are also submitted to the child support lien docket program when appropriate. In order to accomplish these tasks, the staff spends a great deal of time gathering and providing information, and answering questions regarding procedures, payment records, etc.

2016 Goals Review

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OBJECTIVE	WAS THIS OBJECTIVE REACHED IN 2016?
	Yes or No (If no, please provide comment)
Receipt of performance money based on:	
90% paternity establishment rate	Yes (112.04%)
80% court order establishment rate	Yes (90.07%)
80% current support collection rate	Yes (81.47%)
80% Collection on Arrears	Yes (81.97%)

Changes / Accomplishments:

All four of the performance measures were met for the 2016 Federal Fiscal Year. We will receive 100% of the incentives monies available for performance.

Agency staffing levels for regular FTE's remained the same. The agency staffing consists of 1 Director, 1 Financial Technician, 1 Administrative Assistant, 4 Case Assistants, and 4 Case Managers. In addition, we have a Cooperative Agreement with the Corporation Counsel's office for 1 Assistant Corporation Counsel assigned to the agency full time. The agency will have a retirement in mid-2017 and will be filling that position. The Agency will also be filling the Director position due to the passing of Tom Fandry in November 2016.

The Agency voluntarily piloted the E-filing program from January through May 2016, until CCAP made access changes. Considerable time and resources were expended objecting to those access changes, which created confidentiality and liability issues, which now have been addressed and resolved. Mandatory E-filing is scheduled to commence in Sauk County on June 1, 2017. This, along with the required training and staffing turnover, will likely effect 2017 performance. It will take many months to adjust to and make the changes required by e-filing.

Statistical Summary:

The number of active IV-D cases increased from 3531 on 9/30/2015, to 3565 on 9/30/2016, an increase of 34 IV-D cases (the Federal Fiscal Year runs October 1 through September 30).

For the 2016 calendar year, total collections were \$11,213,172.48, an average of \$934,431.04 per month. This was an increase of \$122,916.19 over 2015 collections of \$11,090,256.15 (1.108%).

2016 collections from federal tax intercepts totaled \$437,871.92, an increase of \$76,716.63 from 2015 collections of \$361,155.29.

2016 collections from state tax intercepts totaled \$143,875.76, an increase of \$14,106.37 from 2015 collections of \$129,769.39.

2016 collections from Unemployment Insurance totaled \$131,217.18, a decrease of \$40,562.47 from 2015 collections of \$171,779.65.

2016 collections from Income Withholding from Employers totaled \$7,999,926.85, a decrease of \$52,415.41 from 2015 collections of \$8,052,342.26.

2016 Lying-In collections totaled \$257,920.00, an increase of \$48,200.71 from 2015 collections of \$209,719.29.

OUTPUT MEASURES

DESCRIPTION	2014 ACTUAL	2015 ACTUAL	2016 ACTUAL
IV-D cases (as of September 30th of the applicable FFY year)	3490	3531	3565
Staff members	11	11	11

SAUK COUNTY OUTCOME AND EFFICIENCY MEASURES FFY 2014, 2015, and 2016

DESCRIPTION	2014 ACTUAL	2015 ACTUAL	2016 ACTUAL
Establishment of Paternity (90%)	111.98%	111.11%	112.04%
Establishment of Court orders (80%)	92.15%	91.36%	90.07%
Collection of Current Support (80%)	81.21%	81.46%	81.47%
Collection on Arrearages (80%)	78.79%	80.53%	81.97%

STATEWIDE OUTCOME AND EFFICIENCY MEASURES FFY 2014, 2015, and 2016

DESCRIPTION	2014 ACTUAL	2015 ACTUAL	2016 ACTUAL
Establishment of Paternity (90%)	105.43%	104.89%	104.84%
Establishment of Court orders (80%)	86.98%	87.14%	87.18%
Collection of Current Support (80%)	73.01%	74.15%	74.48%
Collection on Arrearages (80%)	66.02%	67.63%	69.05%