



Financial Institution Data Matching & Child Support

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[Background]

Personal Responsibility Work Opportunity
Reconciliation Act – PRWORA

Federal Mandate – Lose Funding

Required states to enact legislation

Take Actions Administratively

Liens on Real and Personal Property

Financial Institution Matching

Requires the collection of Social Security numbers

Passport Denial

Assembly Bill 651 - 1997

- **Second in size to the budget**
- **Over 30 Groups Participated/Contributed**
 - Judges
 - Domestic Abuse Council
 - Community Bankers
 - Wisconsin Land Title Assoc.
 - Wisconsin Bankers Assoc.
 - State Bar (Family Law, Probate, Real
 - Clerk of Court Assoc.
 - State Agencies
 - Credit Union League
 - Many Banks

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- 1998 Written/Passed
- Strengthen Child Support Collections
- More timely Enforcement Mechanisms
- New Enforcement Tools
 - License Suspension & Denial
 - Lump Sum Pension Intercept
 - Liens on Property
 - Seizure of Real & Personal Property

[Section 49.854 Wis. Stats.]

Levying Against Financial Accounts

- Notice Requirements
- Liens in Favor of Other States
- Notice to Obligor & Certain Others
- Financial Institution Fees
- Hearings

[Section 49.853 Wis. Stats.]

- Requires the Department to Promulgate Rules
- Financial Institutions Required to Match with Child Support
 - State Match Method
 - FI Match Method
- Delegation to County Child Support Agencies

[DWD Rule 43 (DCF)]

Administrative Enforcement Process

- Written Notices of the Action
- Administrative Forfeitures for Non-compliance
- Notice to Payee of the Enforcement Action
- Thresholds
- Payment Plans
- Agreements with Financial Institutions

[FIDM Concerns]

- Bank reimbursement
- Money stays in account until seized
- Fear payer won't receive notice
- Joint account holders notified
- Joint account holder portions protected
- Due process completed

[Overcome Concerns]

- Reimburse Banks \$125/quarter
 - Must match all four quarters
- First \$500 in account not seized
- Address hierarchy includes employer & bank address
- Joint account holders notified with the Notice to Levy
- Accounts w/ joint holders, equal prorated share
- Payer & Joint holder allowed 20 business days due process
 - Prior 20 days under Notice of Lien

[FIDM 'Alliance']

- Fifteen State Consortium
- Contractor Duties (Informatix)
 - Financial Institution Agreements
 - Match Methods
 - Media for Matching
 - Follow up on non-compliance
 - Provide Reports
 - Secured Website for States and Banks
 - Invoice Reimbursements

State-to-State Information Sharing

- Incidental Matches
 - States must agree
 - Shared Obligor from Bank Match Method
- Agreement to combine obligor files
 - States must agree
 - Secured website submission request

Wisconsin Case Statistics

- Case Information:
- 300,000 cases with obligations
 - \$2.3 Billion owed
- 139,000 with a lien
 - 1.31 Million delinquent support owed on docket
- 119,224 qualify for account levy
 - 55,315 have accounts matched via FIDM

Financial Institution Statistics

- 530 in-state banks/credit unions matching
- 34-38% seek reimbursement (\$125/quarter)
- \$146M per year funds matched in-state banks

- Multi-state FIDM
 - 4,445 Banks, credit unions, securities, insurance companies match
 - 1.5 million obligors qualify nation wide
 - \$3 Million funds matched

[Collection Statistics]

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- 6,842 Total Accounts Seized
 - 949 multi-state accounts
 - 1,177 in-state accounts

- \$7.0 Million Collected
 - \$3.7 million multi-state
 - \$3.3 million in-state

[For More Information]

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