

CONFUSION to CLARITY

Who does what in Illinois Child Support?



Circuit Courts
Judicial Orders



Judicial orders are created and entered by a judge in circuit courts.



The only way to change/terminate a court order is the entry of another court order, which is a modification.



A \$36 fee may be assessed annually per order, which is paid to the Circuit Clerk and does not apply to the case balance.



Having this type of order does not mean you have a case with Child Support Services.



State
Disbursement
Unit

SDU



Collects and distributes child support payments made by income withholding.



Payments can be made directly to the SDU by the paying parent.



Keeps track of payments made, not the balances owed and does not issue or modify orders.



Making payments through the SDU does not mean you have a case with Child Support Services.



Child Support
Services



Free program to provide child support services to all families.



Establish paternity, locate a parent, enforce and collect payment actions.



Assist with medical insurance, modifications, and collect past due balances.



Keeps track of balances to determine any past child support due.

Circuit Clerk orders and making SDU payments **DOES NOT** mean you have a case with Child Support Services, **ENROLL TODAY!**



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