

5175 Department of Child Support Services

The mission of the California Child Support Program is to promote the well-being of children and the self-sufficiency of families by assisting both parents to meet the financial, medical, and emotional needs of their children through the delivery of quality child support establishment, collection, and distribution services.

The statewide Child Support Program is founded on a belief that California's children have the right to be supported by both parents financially, medically and emotionally. The Child Support Program is committed to ensuring that California's children are given every opportunity to obtain these rights in a fair and consistent manner throughout the state. The Child Support Program is committed to providing the highest quality services and collection activities in the most efficient and effective manner.

3-YR EXPENDITURES AND POSITIONS (Summary of Program Requirements)

	Positions			Expenditures		
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2006-07*	2007-08*	2008-09*
10 Child Support Services Program	460.0	545.1	548.0	\$1,362,180	\$1,247,214	\$1,055,060
TOTALS, POSITIONS AND EXPENDITURES (All Programs)	460.0	545.1	548.0	\$1,362,180	\$1,247,214	\$1,055,060
FUNDING				2006-07*	2007-08*	2008-09*
0001 General Fund				\$525,646	\$351,700	\$305,119
0890 Federal Trust Fund				590,893	685,524	566,520
0995 Reimbursements				62	123	123
8004 Child Support Collections Recovery Fund				245,579	209,867	183,298
TOTALS, EXPENDITURES, ALL FUNDS				\$1,362,180	\$1,247,214	\$1,055,060

LEGAL CITATIONS AND AUTHORITY

DEPARTMENT AUTHORITY

Family Code, Division 17, Chapter 1.

MAJOR PROGRAM CHANGES

- Increase Child Support Pass-Through: The Governor's Budget proposes to change the amount of collected child support passed through to CalWORKs families to \$100 per month effective January 1, 2009. The current pass through of \$50 is not counted as income or resources for the purposes of CalWORKs eligibility. The Federal Deficit Reduction Act allows states to increase the pass through with the federal government participating in fifty percent of the revenue loss effective October 1, 2008. The increased federal participation will result in increased General Fund revenues of \$3.9 million in 2008-09. Once the pass-through is increased on January 1, 2009, it will be revenue neutral compared to current practice.

BUDGET-BALANCING REDUCTIONS

- The Budget includes reductions of \$200,000 General Fund in 2007-08 and \$4.3 million General Fund and 45.0 positions in 2008-09.
- The California Child Support Automation System (CCSAS) and Local Child Support Agency (LCSA) administration, totaling \$262.4 million General Fund, were exempted from the budget balancing reductions. Reductions in these areas would jeopardize the implementation of the CCSAS project and reduce the LCSAs ability to provide child support collection services.

- The major budget balancing reductions include:

A reduction of \$200,000 in 2007-08 and \$1.0 million in 2008-09 from operating expenses and equipment. This will be implemented through a variety of cost cutting measures such as reducing supply and travel costs.

A reduction of \$1.3 million in personal services. This will be implemented by eliminating 45.0 positions, primarily through attrition.

A reduction of \$2.0 million in contracts. This reduction will be implemented by reducing or eliminating a variety of contracted services such as technology review, business process re-engineering, and state hearings.

DETAILED BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Baseline Adjustment Descriptions	2007-08*			2008-09*		
	General Fund	Other Funds	Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Positions

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	2007-08*			2008-09*		
	General Fund	Other Funds	Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Positions
• CCSAS Reappropriation	\$28,254	\$84,028	-	\$-	\$-	-
• Federal Performance Basic Incentives - Backfill	-	-	-	6,854	-10,457	-
• Local Child Support Agency Basic Costs - Administration	-	-	-	2,622	981	-
• Federal Deficit Reduction Act - Payment of Federal Share of Mandatory Fee	-	-	-	1,763	-	-
• Compromise of Arrears Program (COAP)	-	-	-	238	462	7.1
• CCSAS Reference Data Analysis - State Operations	-	-	-	66	128	1.9
• CCSAS Reference Data Analysis - Local Assistance	-	-	-	-66	-128	-
• Child Support Performance Reports -State Operations	-	-	-	67	129	1.9
• Child Support Performance Reports - Local Assistance	-	-	-	-67	-129	-
• California Child Support Automation System - State Operations	-	-	-	-725	-1,408	-
• California Child Support Automation System - Local Assistance	-203	-397	-	-20,214	-20,709	-
• Administrative Resources Branch- Staffing Resources	-	-	-	-	-	1.9
• State Disbursement Unit (SDU) Bank Exceptions	-	-	-	-	-	1.9
• Dispute Resolution Grant	-	-32	-	-	-32	-
• Miscellaneous Baseline Adjustments - Local Assistance	-1,775	-3,445	-	-1,775	-3,445	-
• Miscellaneous Baseline Adjustments - State Operations	9,680	33,140	-4.9	612	2,329	-16.7
Totals, Baseline Adjustments	\$35,956	\$113,294	-4.9	-\$10,625	-\$32,279	-2.0
TOTALS, BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS	\$35,956	\$113,294	-4.9	-\$10,625	-\$32,279	-2.0
Other Adjustments ¹¹						
• Budget-Balancing Reductions	-200	-390	-	-4,300	-8,400	-45.0
REVISED TOTALS, BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS	\$35,756	\$112,904	-4.9	-\$14,925	-\$40,679	-47.0

¹¹ These dollars and PYs are included in the General Government agency, therefore not included in the other fiscal statements for this department. These totals are also not included in the applicable Summary Schedules for this department.

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Child Support Program Collections

Estimated Collections After Budget Reduction Impact on Revenue	2006-07 Actuals	2007-08 Nov. Est.	2008-09 Nov. Est.
Non-Assistance Collections (Payments to Families)	\$1,721,484	\$1,754,754	\$1,758,444
Assistance Collections (Payments to Government)	561,924	509,578	460,198
Total Child Support Collections	\$2,283,408	\$2,264,332	\$2,218,641
State Share of Assistance Collections 1/	\$239,776	\$228,936	\$204,709
Federal Share of Assistance Collections	\$259,010	221,619	190,654
County Share of Assistance Collections	31,245	27,206	23,874
Other Collections 2/	31,893	31,817	40,961
Total Assistance Collections	\$561,924	\$509,578	\$460,198

1/ Based on CS 34/35 report actuals

2/ Other Collections include: Collections for other states, medical support, excess, pass-on and \$50 disregard payments.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS (Program Objectives Statement)

10 - CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

The Department of Child Support Services is the single state agency designated to administer the Title IV-D state plan. The Department is responsible for providing strong state leadership to ensure that all functions necessary to establish, collect and distribute child support in California, including securing child and spousal support, medical support and determining paternity, are effectively and efficiently implemented. Eligibility for California's funding under Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Block Grant is contingent upon continuously providing these federally required child support services. Further, the Child Support Program operates using clearly delineated federal performance measures, with minimum standards prescribing acceptable performance levels necessary for receipt of federal incentive funding. The objective of the Child Support Program is to provide an effective system for encouraging and, when necessary, enforcing parental responsibilities, by establishing paternity for children, establishing court orders for financial and medical support, and enforcing those orders so that children receive financial and medical support as ordered.

10.01 - Child Support Administration:

The Child Support Administration program is funded from federal and state funds. The Child Support Administration expenditures are comprised of state staff salaries and benefits and operating expenses, local child support agency administrative, electronic data processing maintenance, and operation costs. The federal government pays 66 percent and the state pays 34 percent of the Child Support Program costs. In addition, the Child Support Program earns federal incentive funds based on the state's performance in five federal performance measures. Prior to October 2007, these federal incentive funds offset the state General Fund on a dollar for dollar basis because these funds have been eligible for federal matching funds. Beginning in October 2007, the incentive funds will not be eligible for federal matching funds.

10.03 - Child Support Automation:

Federal law mandates that each state create a single statewide child support automation system that meets federal certification. The Department of Child Support Services, in collaboration with the Franchise Tax Board and private vendors, has implemented Version 1 of the California Child Support Automation System (CCSAS), which provides centralized data processing, collection, and disbursements services according to the federal requirements as an Alternative System Configuration. The Department anticipates full implementation of Version 2 of CCSAS by November 2008, when the system will be operating as a single statewide system. There are two components of the statewide system. The first is the Child Support Enforcement (CSE) system and the second is the State Disbursement Unit (SDU). The CSE component contains tools to manage the accounts of child support recipients and to locate and intercept assets from non-custodial parents who are delinquent in their child support payments. The SDU provides services to collect child support payments from non-custodial parents and to disburse these payments to custodial parents.

10.04 - Child Support Payments:

The Child Support Payments program provides the Department of Child Support Services the ability to advance funds to non custodial parents who have experienced increases in child support due to the change in accounting rules that took effect at the time of the implementation of the State Disbursement Unit.

DETAILED EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM (Program Budget Detail)

		2006-07*	2007-08*	2008-09*
PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS				
10	CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES PROGRAM			
State Operations:				
0001	General Fund	\$40,824	\$55,246	\$45,827
0890	Federal Trust Fund	80,924	130,300	98,805
0995	Reimbursements	<u>62</u>	<u>123</u>	<u>123</u>
Totals, State Operations		\$121,810	\$185,669	\$144,755
Local Assistance:				
0001	General Fund	\$484,822	\$296,454	\$259,292
0890	Federal Trust Fund	509,969	555,224	467,715
8004	Child Support Collections Recovery Fund	<u>245,579</u>	<u>209,867</u>	<u>183,298</u>
Totals, Local Assistance		\$1,240,370	\$1,061,545	\$910,305
ELEMENT REQUIREMENTS				
10.01	Child Support Administration	\$1,150,814	\$1,124,321	\$912,156
State Operations:				
0001	General Fund	40,824	55,246	45,827
0890	Federal Trust Fund	80,924	130,300	98,805
0995	Reimbursements	62	123	123
Local Assistance:				

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	2006-07*	2007-08*	2008-09*
0001 General Fund	461,290	277,460	240,919
0890 Federal Trust Fund	322,135	451,325	343,184
8004 Child Support Collections Recovery Fund	245,579	209,867	183,298
10.03 Child Support Automation	\$203,754	\$122,893	\$142,904
Local Assistance:			
0001 General Fund	15,920	18,994	18,373
0890 Federal Trust Fund	187,834	103,899	124,531
10.04 Child Support Payments	\$7,612	\$-	\$-
Local Assistance:			
0001 General Fund	7,612	-	-
TOTALS, EXPENDITURES			
State Operations	121,810	185,669	144,755
Local Assistance	1,240,370	1,061,545	910,305
Totals, Expenditures	\$1,362,180	\$1,247,214	\$1,055,060

EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY (Summary By Object)

1 State Operations	Positions			Expenditures		
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2006-07*	2007-08*	2008-09*
PERSONAL SERVICES						
Authorized Positions (Equals Sch. 7A)	460.0	578.1	565.6	\$27,732	\$33,638	\$33,783
Total Adjustments	-	-	15.5	-	981	1,676
Estimated Salary Savings	-	-33.0	-33.1	-	-1,970	-2,012
Net Totals, Salaries and Wages	460.0	545.1	548.0	\$27,732	\$32,649	\$33,447
Staff Benefits	-	-	-	9,925	11,965	12,154
Totals, Personal Services	460.0	545.1	548.0	\$37,657	\$44,614	\$45,601
OPERATING EXPENSES AND EQUIPMENT				\$84,153	\$141,055	\$99,154
TOTALS, POSITIONS AND EXPENDITURES, ALL FUNDS (State Operations)				\$121,810	\$185,669	\$144,755
2 Local Assistance						
County Administration				\$1,029,004	\$938,652	\$767,401
Automation Projects				203,754	122,893	142,904
Child Support Payments				7,612	-	-
TOTALS, EXPENDITURES, ALL FUNDS (Local Assistance)				\$1,240,370	\$1,061,545	\$910,305

DETAIL OF APPROPRIATIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS (Reconciliation with Appropriations)

1 STATE OPERATIONS	2006-07*	2007-08*	2008-09*
0001 General Fund			
APPROPRIATIONS			
001 Budget Act appropriation	\$17,564	\$19,789	\$20,325
Allocation for employee compensation	775	435	-
Adjustment per Section 3.60	98	-37	-
Adjustment per Section 4.04	-	-62	-
Adjustment per Section 4.75 Statewide Surcharge	47	-	-
002 Budget Act appropriation	26,951	25,777	25,502
Allocation for employee compensation	104	64	-
Adjustment per Section 4.04	-	-364	-

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1 STATE OPERATIONS	2006-07*	2007-08*	2008-09*
Prior year balances available:			
Item 5175-001-0001, Budget Act of 2004 as reappropriated by Item 5175-490, Budget Acts of 2006 and 2007	-	1,413	-
Item 5175-001-0001, Budget Act of 2005 as reappropriated by Item 5175-490, Budget Acts of 2006 and 2007	1,818	1,966	-
Item 5175-002-0001, Budget Act of 2004 as reappropriated by Item 5175-490, Budget Acts of 2006 and 2007	-	3,962	-
Item 5175-002-0001, Budget Act of 2005 as reappropriated by Item 5175-490, Budget Acts of 2006 and 2007	733	2,333	-
Totals Available	\$48,090	\$55,276	\$45,827
Unexpended balance, estimated savings	-2,967	-30	-
Balance available in subsequent years	-4,299	-	-
TOTALS, EXPENDITURES	\$40,824	\$55,246	\$45,827
0890 Federal Trust Fund			
APPROPRIATIONS			
001 Budget Act appropriation	\$35,968	\$40,926	\$42,238
Allocation for employee compensation	1,504	845	-
Adjustment per Section 3.60	190	-73	-
Adjustment per Section 4.75 Statewide Surcharge	-26	-	-
Adjustment per Section 15.25	-	-1	-
Budget Adjustment	-3,282	-58	-
002 Budget Act appropriation	58,324	56,234	56,567
Allocation for employee compensation	202	155	-
Budget Adjustment	-8,355	-	-
Prior year balances available:			
Item 5175-001-0890, Budget Act of 2004 as reappropriated by Item 5175-490, Budget Acts of 2006 and 2007	-	3,389	-
Item 5175-001-0890, Budget Act of 2005 as reappropriated by Item 5175-490, Budget Acts of 2006 and 2007	3,719	3,893	-
Item 5175-002-0890, Budget Act of 2004 as reappropriated by Item 5175-490, Budget Acts of 2006 and 2007	-	13,840	-
Item 5175-002-0890, Budget Act of 2005 as reappropriated by Item 5175-490, Budget Acts of 2006 and 2007	7,723	11,150	-
Totals Available	\$95,967	\$130,300	\$98,805
Balance available in subsequent years	-15,043	-	-
TOTALS, EXPENDITURES	\$80,924	\$130,300	\$98,805
0995 Reimbursements			
APPROPRIATIONS			
Reimbursements	\$62	\$123	\$123
TOTALS, EXPENDITURES, ALL FUNDS (State Operations)	\$121,810	\$185,669	\$144,755
2 LOCAL ASSISTANCE			
0001 General Fund			
APPROPRIATIONS			
101 Budget Act appropriation	\$510,504	\$270,178	\$259,292
Adjustment per Section 15.25	-	-1,775	-
Prior year balances available:			
Item 5175-101-0001, Budget Act of 2004 as reappropriated by Item 5175-490, Budget Acts of 2006 and 2007	-	15,238	-
Item 5175-101-0001, Budget Act of 2005 as reappropriated by Item 5175-490, Budget Acts of 2006 and 2007	11,539	13,016	-

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2 LOCAL ASSISTANCE	2006-07*	2007-08*	2008-09*
Totals Available	\$522,043	\$296,657	\$259,292
Unexpended balance, estimated savings	-24,205	-203	-
Balance available in subsequent years	-13,016	-	-
TOTALS, EXPENDITURES	\$484,822	\$296,454	\$259,292
0890 Federal Trust Fund			
APPROPRIATIONS			
101 Budget Act appropriation	\$541,515	\$465,381	\$467,715
Adjustment per Section 15.25	-	-3,445	-
Budget Adjustment	-15,593	9,260	-
Prior year balances available:			
Item 5175-101-0890, Budget Act of 2004 as reappropriated by Item 5175-490, Budget Acts of 2006 and 2007	-	56,594	-
Item 5175-101-0890, Budget Act of 2005 as reappropriated by Item 5175-490, Budget Act of 2006 and 2007	21,481	27,434	-
Budget Adjustment	-10,000	-	-
Totals Available	\$537,403	\$555,224	\$467,715
Balance available in subsequent years	-27,434	-	-
TOTALS, EXPENDITURES	\$509,969	\$555,224	\$467,715
8004 Child Support Collections Recovery Fund			
APPROPRIATIONS			
101 Budget Act appropriation	\$273,385	\$219,556	\$183,298
Revised expenditure authority per Provision 1	-27,000	-9,689	-
Totals Available	\$246,385	\$209,867	\$183,298
Unexpended balance, estimated savings	-806	-	-
TOTALS, EXPENDITURES	\$245,579	\$209,867	\$183,298
TOTALS, EXPENDITURES, ALL FUNDS (Local Assistance)	\$1,240,370	\$1,061,545	\$910,305
4 UNCLASSIFIED			
0001 General Fund			
APPROPRIATIONS			
399 Budget Act appropriation	\$15,000	\$-	\$-
Totals Available	\$15,000	\$-	\$-
Unexpended balance, estimated savings	-15,000	-	-
TOTALS, EXPENDITURES	\$-	\$-	\$-
TOTALS, EXPENDITURES, ALL FUNDS (Unclassified)	\$-	\$-	\$-
TOTALS, EXPENDITURES, ALL FUNDS (State Operations, Local Assistance and Unclassified)	\$1,362,180	\$1,247,214	\$1,055,060

CHANGES IN AUTHORIZED POSITIONS

	Positions			Expenditures		
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2006-07*	2007-08*	2008-09*
Totals, Authorized Positions	460.0	578.1	565.6	\$27,732	\$33,638	\$33,783
Salary Adjustments	-	-	-	-	981	985
Proposed New Positions:	Salary Range					
Administrative Services Division:						
Associate Acctg Analyst	-	-	2.0	4,619-5,616	-	-
Associate Admin Anaylst	-	-	1.0	4,618-5,616	-	61
Office Assistant	-	-	2.0	2,143-2,606	-	-
Technology Services Division:						
Staff Info Systems Analyst	-	-	1.0	5,065-6,157	-	68
Staff Program Systems Analyst - Specialist	-	-	1.0	4,833-5,874	-	64

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	Positions			Expenditures		
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2006-07*	2007-08*	2008-09*
Staff Program Analyst	-	-	1.0	4,619-5,616	-	67
Associate Info Systems Analyst	-	-	1.0	4,619-5,616	-	61
Child Support Services Division:						
Staff Services Manager I	-	-	1.0	5,079-6,127	-	68
Research Analyst II	-	-	1.0	4,619-5,616	-	61
Associate Governmental Program Analyst	-	-	3.5	4,400-5,348	-	205
Office Technician	-	-	1.0	2,686-3,264	-	36
Totals, Proposed New Positions	-	-	15.5	\$-	\$-	\$691
Total Adjustments	-	-	15.5	\$-	\$981	\$1,676
TOTALS, SALARIES AND WAGES	460.0	578.1	581.1	\$27,732	\$34,619	\$35,459

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