

Standing up for children: Child Support Services

STRONGER FAMILIES, BRIGHTER FUTURES



Helping meet CT children's financial and emotional needs



Locating parents, establishing legal paternity and support obligations

Nearly **148,000** children served at all income levels



Providing services even if one parent lives outside of CT



CT Fatherhood Initiative helps dads have a positive impact on their children's lives

DELIVERING FOR CHILDREN



Paternity established for more than **13,000** children*

Engaging fathers from birth encourages stronger family bonds



Nearly **6,000** child support orders established in court



Nearly **\$302 million** in support collected

*Data in this section varies between calendar 2016 and federal fiscal 2016.

INVESTING IN CT'S FUTURE

Promoting economic independence for children and families



57% of families receiving child support payments are *former* recipients of public assistance



\$3.13 collected for every program dollar spent



66% federal reimbursement of CT's upfront costs



Child support reduces child poverty and builds financial resources while improving parent-child relationships

The Department of Social Services Office of Child Support Services partners with the Judicial Branch (Support Enforcement Services, Court Operations, Family Support Magistrates) and Attorney General's Office