



Collections for Probation as an eligible IV-D activity

SUMMARY OF THE ISSUE

Child Support performs activities as defined in Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, funded by Federal (2/3) and State (1/3) funds. California Welfare & Institutions Code Section 903 and 903.4 mandate that Child Support collect money from families to cover the living expenses of minors in detention. Santa Barbara Child Support has been doing this for many years, but has recently been told this is not eligible for IV-D funding. The Feds indicated that a key factor in determining whether Probation collections were eligible for funding under the IV-D program is whether the parents of detained children were mandated by California state law to assign their rights to child support to the Probation department. This is currently not the case.

PUBLIC BENEFIT/IMPACT

Increased collections for Probation, to ease burden on local General Fund.

COST TO THE GOVERNMENT

REQUESTED ACTION AND STRATEGY

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