



**Welcome to the 28th Annual
AB 1058 Child Support
Training Conference**

Housekeeping



Connect with us!

- Wi-Fi is free in conference center
 - Wi-Fi Network Name:
Marriott_CONFERENCE
 - Password:
JCoC2024



Meals

- Please wear your name badges at all times (for meal count/ dietary purposes)
- Coffee/tea only provided during morning breaks and no coffee or tea or food in the afternoon breaks
- Coffee is available for purchase at the hotel



Paperless Conference

- Training materials posted on the conference app
- Review “Welcome” email how to download conference app to view your course materials
- Evaluations for each day’s workshop or plenaries will be emailed to each participant by September 9





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Salena Chow
Chief Operating Officer
Judicial Council of California

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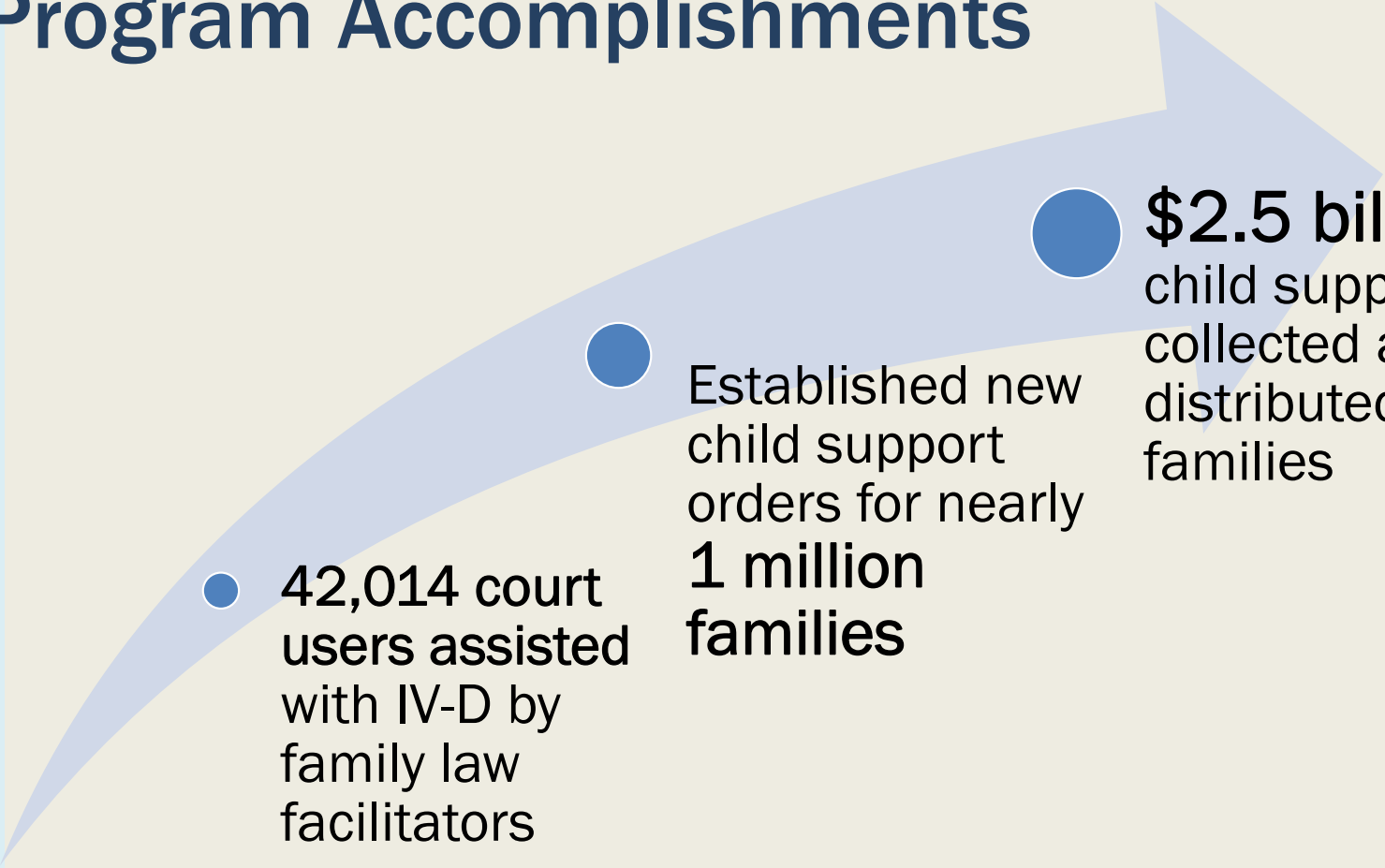
California's AB 1058 Program

One of the nation's largest child support programs

- 102 Child Support Commissioners
- 157 Family Law Facilitators
- 811 Support Staff
- 53,729 collective total hours of IV-D hearings



Program Accomplishments



- 42,014 court users assisted with IV-D by family law facilitators

- Established new child support orders for nearly **1 million families**

- **\$2.5 billion** child support collected and distributed to families



Improving Service Delivery

- Almost all courts have a combination of in-person (66%) and remote (34%) services.
- Remote services: telephone, email, videoconference, live chat, co-browsing, text, mail, and e-filing.
- Remote hearings will continue until January 1, 2027 statutes extended by the Legislature.



Family Law Facilitator New Practices

Implemented over the last 12-months to improve service delivery, efficiency, and court user experience.

- Better use of technology
- Extending services hours
- Increasing number of workshops
- Providing courtroom support





Thank You!

- Child Support Commissioners
- Family Law Facilitators
- Court Staff
- Department of Child Support Services
- Local Child Support Agency Representatives



**Enjoy Your
Conference!**



Welcome and Updates from DCSS

Kristen Erickson-Donadee
DCSS Chief Deputy Director

August 28, 2024



Everyone's Favorite Topic: The Budget

- Local assistance/LCSA Funding
 - Overall funding reduction for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024-25 is approximately \$6M General Fund, \$18M total funds.
 - LCSAs had been receiving increasing funding over several years with goal of approaching full funding based on approved allocation methodology.
 - Compromise reduction based on unspent funds at the end of SFY 2023-24.
 - Expected to be two-year reduction rather than permanent.
 - Expected impacts
- State Operations Funding
 - Statewide directives regarding vacant positions and target of 8% reduction.



Big Changes: SB 343

- Implementation of SB 343, Flexibility, Efficiency and Modernization Final Rule: Two Last Phases
 - Guideline formula changes effective September 1, 2024
 - ✓ DCSS Guideline Calculator changes implemented July 21, 2024
 - ✓ For tax year 2024, users have the option to select new or old guideline formula
 - ✓ By selecting *new* guideline formula, default for add-on child support is shifted to allocation based on income
 - ✓ Extensive training for LCSAs and private bar on usage of DCSS Guideline Calculator
 - ✓ User Guide updated
 - ✓ LCSA/Court collaboration regarding pleading expectations is key
 - IV-D specific pleading changes coming January 1, 2026
 - ✓ NO MORE presumed income pleadings
 - ✓ Outstanding pleadings can proceed through pre-2026 process
 - ✓ Where actual income is unknown or earning capacity exceeds actual income, LCSAs will start pleading earning capacity at the establishment phase
 - ✓ LCSA/Court collaboration regarding pleading expectations is key
 - ✓ Judgments established based on earning capacity must proceed by hearing; no default
 - ✓ If no appearance by Parent Ordered to Pay Support, there are annual review requirements



The Ultimate Goal: Helping Families

- Former Assistance Assigned Arrears Pass Through
 - Enacted through budget process in 2022
 - Implemented in CSE effective for collections on and after May 1, 2024
 - Successful effort has distributed over \$42M* to cases!
 - Report to Legislature regarding potential unintended impacts, in collaboration with California Department of Social Services (CDSS), is still pending their final review
- Current Assistance Full Pass Through
 - Budget Act directed CDSS and DCSS to host workgroup meetings and deliver Report to Legislature regarding potential full pass through of child support to currently assisted families
 - Will explore suggested mitigation for impacts, such as increasing disregard
 - Will provide estimate of cost, as DCSS must pay the Federal share of collections disbursed to the family above the \$100/\$200 Federal disregard maximum

*As of August 23, 2024



Keeping Busy

- SB 1055: Drivers License suspension and revocation changes effective January 1, 2025
- Uncollectable Debt and Collectability Study
- Equity Audit and Equity Grant
- Focus on Increasing Data Sources
 - CalSAWS
 - DOJ and CLEAR incarceration and criminal history
 - Gig Work focus
 - Researching and tracking outcomes utilizing known demographics



Thank You!

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- Santa Barbara County Superior Court
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