Child Support 2014: More Money for Families

**Collections**

$32 Billion in child support collected by state and tribal child support programs in FY2014

- 95% went to families
- 75% collected through income withholding from the employee’s paycheck
- 5% reimbursed public assistance dollars

**Case Load**

In 2014 the child support program served 16 Million children

- Nearly 1 in 4 children in the U.S.*

**Cost-Effectiveness**

One of the most cost-effective government programs

- For every $1.00 spent...
  - ...the child support program collects $5.25

**Families eligible for child support**

- 29% of custodial families have income below the federal poverty level
- Child support represents 45% of family income for poor custodial families that receive it

**Custodial parents eligible for child support**

- 82% are women
- 79% are 30 or older
- 57% have just one eligible child
- 68% White
- 25% Black
- 21% Hispanic (any race)
