2016 Child Support: More Money for Families

Collections

75% of child support is collected by income withholding from an employee’s paycheck

95% went to families

25% other sources

$33 Billion in child support collected by state and tribal child support programs in FY2016

5% reimbursed public assistance dollars

CaseLoad

15.6 Million children served by the child support program in 2016

1 in 5 children in the U.S.

Child support accounts for about half the average income of low-income parents who receive it, lifting over 1 million people out of poverty in 2015.

Cost-Effectiveness

One of the most cost-effective government programs

$5.33 collected by the child support program for every $1.00 spent


* Monthly Child Enrollment in Medicaid and CHIP (2017); Characteristics of SNAP Households (2015); WIC Program Monthly Data - State Level Participation (2017; preliminary); Annual Statistical Supplement to the Social Security Bulletin (2016); TANF: Total Number of Child Recipients (2016); CCDF FY 2015 Preliminary Data Table 1 (2016); SSI Annual Statistical Report (2015).