



50 Years of Child Support





1935



- ✦ The federal government began providing welfare assistance to impoverished children through the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program.



1950s–1960s



- ✦ Several precursor laws created federal child support requirements.
- ✦ In 1950, Congress established procedures to notify law enforcement officials when a child was receiving aid due to desertion or abandonment, linking assistance to support obligations.
- ✦ Congress mandated each state welfare agency form a unit to establish paternity and secure support for children receiving welfare in 1967.



1975



- ✦ The Child Support Service (CSS) program was enacted as Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, aiming to reduce public expenditures on cash assistance by obtaining support from parents.
- ✦ The Child Support Enforcement program was established in Kansas.





1980s



- ✦ Amendments in the 1980s broadened the mission of the CSE program to include service delivery to both welfare and non-welfare families.
- ✦ The "family first" policy, which prioritizes ensuring families receive any child support arrearage payments before state and federal governments, was established.



1980s *continued*



- ✦ Kansas adopted the Income Withholding Order process in 1987.
- ✦ Kansas established the Child Support Guidelines in 1987.
- ✦ The Kansas Child Support Educational Association (KCSEA) was established in 1987, and the first conference was held in 1988.



1990s



- ✦ Saliva swabs replaced the practice of blood draws in 1994.
- ✦ The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996 shifted the focus of the child support program to ensuring children receive more support from their parents.
- ✦ The program became a major source of income for families.





1990s *continued*



- ✦ Contractor, Maximus, began working enforcement caseloads in 1996.
- ✦ In 1999, CSS began using the KAECSSES System.



2000s



- ✦ The Kansas Payment Center (KPC) began processing payments in 2000.
- ✦ Automatic Income Withholding Orders (IWOs) began in 2001.
- ✦ In 2007, CSS integrated systems with KDWP for hunting/fishing license suspension.





2000s continued



- ✦ *2008 Moses, 39 Kan.App.2d 1054*
If NCP's only income is SSI the income equals \$0 resulting in \$0 child support.
- ✦ KPC began taking payments online with KPCpay in 2009.





2010s



- ✦ CSS began specialized workloads (Establishment/Enforcement/Finance Caseloads) in 2011.
- ✦ *Turner v. Rogers*
2011 US Supreme Court case decided court is required to inquire into a parent's ability to pay.
- ✦ In 2012, CSS integrated systems with KDOL for Unemployment Insurance withholding.



2010s *continued*



- ✦ Kansas Child Support Enforcement changed its name to Kansas Child Support Services (CSS) in 2012.
- ✦ KPC began another disbursement method and disbursed child support onto pre-paid debit cards.
- ✦ Kansas was the first state to fully privatize its child support program in 2013.





2010s continued



- ✦ CSS created a dashboard in 2013 for contractors and workers to track caseload production.
- ✦ *Obergefell v. Hodges*
2015 US Supreme Court case legalized same-sex marriages in all 50 states.
- ✦ In 2016, Kansas began participating in the Electronic Income Withholding Order (e-IWO) program.



2010s *continued*



- ✦ In 2016, Kansas began participating in Electronic Document Exchange (EDE), a way for states to exchange child support documents and Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA) forms electronically to improve the efficiency of child support case processing.
- ✦ Kansas IV-D Child Support Services removed the 4% cost recovery in 2017.



2010s *continued*



- ✦ In 2017, CSS integrated systems with KEES Integration.
- ✦ In 2018, CSS integrated systems with KDOR for Driver's License suspension.



2020s

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- ✦ *Interest of P.R., 312 Kan. 767*
Termination of Paternal Rights doesn't have to be accepted by DCF to be effective in stopping child support. It is effective the date they are signed by the judge.
- ✦ Online application became available in 2024.





2020s *continued*



- ✦ Strengthening State and Tribal Child Support Enforcement Act in 2025.



Ongoing

**Kansas kids
are our
priority.**

*Kansas CSS is committed to helping families
without any associated costs or fees.*

- ✦ The CSE program continues to evolve, with a focus on utilizing technology and ensuring children receive consistent financial support.
- ✦ The Kansas IV-D program provides services to all Kansas families at **no cost.**

