

Kansas Child Support Services Incentives to Reduce State Owed Arrears

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Kansas Child Support Services (CSS) offer three types of incentive programs to non-custodial parents who have State Owed Arrears; 1) Education and Certification Programs; 2) Child Support Savings Initiative/529 Savings Account; and 3) Classes and Miscellaneous Programs. Kansas Child Support does not have the authority to reduce arrears owed to the custodial parent, only State Owed Arrears.

The Kansas Child Support Services (CSS) may adjust State owed arrears for non-custodial parents for the following certification and/or programs, classes, 529 Savings Accounts and miscellaneous programs:

1) Education and Certification Programs: \$750-\$2,000 based on requirements

- Completion of GED or High School Diploma- \$1,000; GED or Diploma achieved after November 1, 2012;
- Technical/Vocational Training Programs-\$1,500 See following link for programs in Kansas.
www.rwm.org/kansas/;
- College Degree-Associates -\$1,500;
- College Degree-Bachelors-\$2,000;
- Culinary Certificate;-\$1,500;
- Certified Nurse's Aide-\$1,500;
- Certificate of Occupational Competency in Computer Systems and Informational Technology-\$750
- Washburn Tech (WTI) Certificate (offered at Topeka Correctional Facility)-\$1,500;
- National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) includes specific skills training programs only, and does not include pre-requisite and orientation classes. -\$1,500;
- Manufacturing Skills Certificate (offered at Topeka and Larned Correctional Facilities)- \$400 for completion of 8 hr course;
- Kansas WorkReady Program-Discretionary See following link
https://www.kansasworks.com/ada/mn/workready_dsp.cfm
- Tulsa Welding School for Professional Welder 7 month program-25 hours per week-\$1,500 See following link www.weldingschool.com
- Certification of Occupational Competency in Computer Systems and Information Technology-\$750
- Federal Bureau of Prisons-TBD based on requirements.

A copy of a diploma/certificate of completion is to be provided to the CSS Program Administrator in one of the following Department for Children and Families (DCF) Regions for consideration of arrears adjustments. See Program Administrator phone numbers and counties served by each DCF Regional Office below.

2) Child Support Savings Initiative (CSSI)/529 Savings Account

Kansas Child Support Services will adjust State Owed Arrears with \$2.00 for every \$1.00 that is paid into the Child Support Services 529 savings account for each child account. To be eligible for this adjustment, the monthly current child support needs to be paid in full and at least \$1.00 towards Arrears is paid in the same month as the deposit to the 529 account. A maximum of \$1,000 may be matched by Kansas Child Support Services. All child support payments are made through the Kansas Payment Center. For more information on the CSSI/529 Savings Account program please visit <http://cssi.dcf.ks.gov> You may also contact CSS by phone at (888)632-7758 or cssinfo@dcf.ks.gov

3) Classes

Kansas Child Support Services may adjust State Owed Arrears for financial, parenting, fatherhood, workforce and additional miscellaneous approved classes. Adjustment in the amount of \$50/hour for the first 15 hours and then \$25/hour for each additional hour may be provided. A maximum of \$2,500 may be adjusted towards State Owed Arrears. Classes must be pre-approved with agendas, timeframes, and class information. Please contact the CSS Program Administrator for potential class eligibility, if specific program is not included below. See Program Administrator phone numbers and counties served by each DCF Regional Office below.

The following classes have been deemed eligible for participation in this incentive:

Approved Financial Counseling:

- Consumer Credit Counseling Services, Inc. <http://www.kscgccs.org/>
- Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/home/>
- FDIC- Financial Money Smart Information (TCF)
- Housing and Credit Counseling, Inc. <http://hcci-ks.org/> (Website has information on different classes, locations and schedule)

Approved Parenting Classes:

- Nurturing Parenting (Smart Start NW Kansas), email: ssnwks@st-tel.net
- NET Reach (Topeka) <http://netreachtpeka.org/>
- Basic Parenting (Pawnee Mental Health-Manhattan) www.pawnee.org, (785) 587-4350
- Parenting Inside Out (Kansas Department of Corrections)
- Inside out Dad (Kansas Department of Corrections)
- 24/7 Dad A.M. (Kansas Department of Corrections)
- 24/7 Dad P.M. (Kansas Department of Corrections)
- Brothers in Blue Re-Entry Program (Lansing Correctional Facility)
- Active Parenting Now

Approved Fatherhood Classes:

- Deliberately Different Fatherhood Class (SG County) (316) 660-4875
- Brothers to Brothers (KC), (913) 621-1830 x 231
- Quenching the Father Thirst (KC) www.fathers.com/ email: strongdads@fathers.com
- Quenching the Father Thirst (Wichita), (316) 258-1680, philliprobenson1@yahoo.com
- Quenching the Father Thirst (Lawrence) (785) 856-5338, <http://ldchealth.org/391/Healthy-Dads>
- Connections to Success (KC) www.connectionstosuccess.org (816) 561-5115
Serving Wyandotte, Johnson, Leavenworth, Crawford, Bourbon and Montgomery counties.
- Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department- <http://ldchealth.org/391/Healthy-Dads>
Serving Douglas County only.
- Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas (MHASCK)
http://www.mhasck.org/what_we_do/family/wfs.html
Serving Sedgwick County only.
- Mirror, Inc.-Shawnee County. <https://mirrorinc.org/developing-dads-building-relationships/>
Serving Shawnee County only.
- Saint Francis Community and Family Services (SFCS) <http://www.st-francis.org/>
Serving Ford, Finney, Seward, Reno, Barton, Ellis, Riley and Saline counties.

Approved Employment Service Classes:

- Partners 4 Success (P4S) (Topeka class) Topeka DCF (785)-296-2500
- STEPS (Wichita) Wichita DCF (316) 337-6613

Federal Bureau of Prisons Approved Courses:

*Hours determined based on course/program requirements

Approved Work for Success Programs-Department for Children and Families Fatherhood Initiative Grant:

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Additional Community Programs:

- Workforce Center-South Central (316) 660-4875
Must have referral from 18TH JD Court Trustee's Office
- Project 17 (785) 323-7001, www.twspjproject17.org
Serving Allen, Adnderson, Bourbon, Chautauqua, Cherokee, Coffey,. Crawford, Elk, Franklin, Greenwood, Linn, Miami, Montgomery, Neosho, Wilson and Woodson counties. Circles Program in Independence and Coffeyville through December, 2016. Starting January, 2017, all of the above counties will be part of Project 17.
- Circles of McPherson County, (620) 755-8092, <http://circlesmcpherson.org/>
- Ripples of Change serving Franklin county, formerly Franklin County Circles.
<https://www.facebook.com/FrontierExtensionDistrictKSRE> 785-229-3520
- Kansas WORKReady https://www.kansasworks.com/ada/mn_workready_dsp.cfm This program is offered through the Department of Corrections. Levels: Platinum-\$2,000; Gold-\$1,500; Silver-\$1,000; Bronze-\$500.

Approved MISC Classes:

- **New Beginnings:** This program involves people living in transitional housing and it is requested that they do not work while participating in the year long program. If case is for arrears only, non-custodial parents can pay \$1 month (if arrears only case) to the Kansas Payment Center while living and participating in the program. In addition, if the non-custodial parent participates in the 4 modules (each module lasts 3 months), \$500 of state arrears will be written off per completion of each module (max \$2000). Hutchinson, KS, (620) 669-0904, <http://newbeginnings-inc.org/>
- **Aramark, ServSafe Employee Food Safety Training (TCF)**
- **Pathway to Change- Missouri Department of Corrections.** This program is an essential element of the offender management approach utilized by the Missouri Department of Corrections. This curriculum addresses issues related to criminal behavior and recidivism. Program is twelve weeks.

For questions regarding the incentive programs or to add new programs please contact the CSS Program Administrator in your DCF Region. See below for information on counties served by each DCF Region.

*For Federal Bureau of Prisons and other programs outside of Kansas contact Natalie Williams at 785-221-2727 or Natalie.Williams@ks.gov

East Region: Kaye Long 620-429-1346

Serving the following counties:

Allen, Anderson, Bourbon, Brown, Chautauqua, Cherokee, Coffey, Crawford, Doniphan, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Labette, Linn, Marshall, Miami, Montgomery, Nemaha, Neosho, Osage, Pottawatomie, Shawnee, Wabaunsee, Wilson, Woodson

Kansas City Region: Tonya Brunson 913-210-7982

Serving the following counties:

Atchison, Douglas, Johnson, Leavenworth, Wyandotte

West Region: Renee Schremmer 785-623-4516

Serving the following counties:

Barton, Chase, Cheyenne, Clark, Clay, Cloud, Comanche, Decatur, Dickinson, Edwards, Ellis, Ellsworth, Finney, Ford, Geary, Gove, Graham, Grant, Gray, Greeley, Hamilton, Harvey, Haskell, Hodgeman, Jewell, Kearny, Kiowa, Lane, Lincoln, Logan, Lyon, Marion, McPherson, Meade, Mitchell, Morris, Morton, Ness, Norton, Osborne, Ottawa, Pawnee, Phillips, Rawlins, Reno, Republic, Rice, Riley, Rooks, Rush, Russell, Saline, Scott, Seward, Sheridan, Sherman, Smith, Stafford, Stanton, Stevens, Thomas, Trego, Wallace, Washington, Wichita

Wichita Region: Jon McLallen 316-617-1773

Serving the following counties:

Barber, Butler, Cowley, Elk, Greenwood, Harper, Kingman, Pratt, Sedgwick, Sumner

To ensure participant state arrears credit, please contact Natalie Williams at 785-221-2727 or

Natalie.Williams@ks.gov Documentation of program/class information, hours, agenda and time frames will need to be provided for eligibility determination.