



# Child Support

AB 1058 Child Support Commissioner and Family Law  
Facilitator Program Funding for Fiscal Year 2024-25

July 12, 2024

# AB 1058 Program History

- Originated with Governor's Child Support Task Force
- Assembly Bill 1058 Signed by Governor Pete Wilson in 1996

# AB 1058 Program History

- Established the Child Support Commissioner (CSC) and Family Law Facilitator (FLF) Program
- Expedited the court process for families
- Made the process accessible and cost-effective
- Allowed federal and state funds to be used for these cases

# AB 1058 Program Requirements

- Child Support Commissioner - Each court must have a highly trained subject matter expert child support commissioner to hear cases where local child support agencies are providing services.
- Family Law Facilitator – Each court must have an experienced family law attorney to provide education, assistance completing forms and running child support calculations.

# AB 1058 Program Funding

- Judicial Council - Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) contract for funding
- Judicial Council allocates funding:
  - CSC Program – Workload based methodology
  - FLF Program – Population based methodology

# AB 1058 Program Funding

- Court funding allocations for FY 2024–25
  - \$48 million available to the CSC program
  - \$15 million available to the FLF program

# FY 23–24 CSC Program Services

- 2.8 million people served
- \$1.6 billion in current child support distributed
- 91 courtrooms in 69 locations used to hear Title IV-D matters

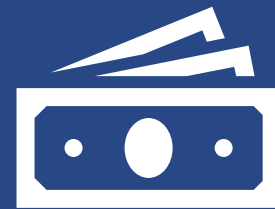
# FY 2023–24 FLF Program Services

- 42,014 IV-D incidents of service
  - 27,533 Customers served in person (66%)
  - 14,481 Customers served remotely (34%)
- 1,115 Customers attending workshops



# Who is served in the FLF office?

- Self-Represented Litigants
  - We serve both sides of the case.
  - Service are FREE - no income limitations.



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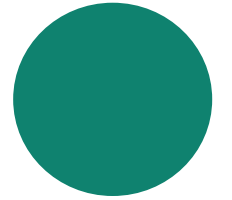
Walk-in and Scheduled appointments

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Workshops and Forms Review

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In-person and Remote (phone, email, Zoom)



# What types of service do we provide?

- Help with forms
  - Establishment of Child Support
  - Modification of Child Support
  - Responding to Governmental Complaints and Motions
  - Medical Reimbursement

# What types of service do we provide?

- Educating the Parents
  - Explaining Court Process and Procedures
  - Providing information about how child support is calculated

# What types of service do we provide?

- Educating the Parents (Cont.)
  - Providing information about how to serve the other parent
  - Explaining complex legal issues such as set asides, arrears determinations, and other equitable remedies

# What types of service do we provide?

- Referrals for additional service
  - To LCSA: Genetic testing, arrears audit or Enforcement
  - To other agencies: Domestic Violence shelter, eviction help
  - To other Self-Help Workshops: Divorce, custody, trial prep

# Benefits for Parents



## **Documents completed correctly**

Guideline calculations

Service on the other parent



## **Litigants understand the process and are prepared for court**

Child Support Commissioners utilize their subject matter expertise to expedite outcomes.



## **Litigant may decide not to file**

Agreement with other parent

Child Support could increase

No change in circumstances