

WAC 388-14A-1005 What is Washington's state plan under Title IV-

D? (1) The division of child support (DCS), on behalf of the department of social and health services of the state of Washington, has established the following provisions as the state plan (the "plan") for its child support enforcement program. This plan is authorized by Title IV-D of the Social Security Act and chapters 74.20 and 74.20A RCW. This plan covers the entire state of Washington.

(2) DCS is the organization within the state of Washington that administers the plan.

(3) DCS enters into contracts for child support enforcement and related services with:

(a) Other state agencies;

(b) Indian tribes, county prosecutors and court clerks in the state of Washington;

(c) Other states or foreign countries for action under the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA) and other laws to enforce or collect child support, locate noncustodial parents, or establish paternity. These contracts may include procedures for:

(i) Making referrals;

(ii) Assigning debts;

(iii) Reporting actions and activities; and

(iv) Coordinating activities under and ensuring compliance with UIFSA.

(d) Private parties;

(e) The secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to refer and certify cases:

(i) To the federal parent locator service (FPLS);

(ii) To the secretary of the treasury for action to collect support debts; and

(iii) For action in the United States district courts to enforce support debts.

(4) DCS manages the Title IV-D plan for the state of Washington and:

(a) Oversees all activities under the plan to ensure that the program meets the standards for an efficient and effective program;

(b) Evaluates the quality and scope of services provided under the plan;

(c) Ensures that federal and state requirements for records management, accounting and fiscal control are met;

(d) Provides all services under the plan in appropriate cases, including action to locate parents, to establish paternity, and to establish, enforce and collect child support; and

(e) Assures that referrals and other communications with the Title IV-A agency (which operates the public assistance programs) and the Title IV-E agency (which operates the foster care program) meet the requirements of the Title IV-D and Title IV-A state plans.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090. WSR 01-03-089, § 388-14A-1005, filed 1/17/01, effective 2/17/01.]