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## Follow-Up Resources

### NCSL Testimony to Legislative Council Study Committee on Child Placement and Support

#### NCSL Resources:

- [Child Support Homepage](#)
- [Child Support and Family Law Legislation Database](#)
- [Child Support Guideline Models by State](#)
- [Child Support and Parenting Time Orders](#)
- [Child Support and Incarceration](#)
- [Child Support 101](#)
- [Interest on Child Support Arrears](#)
- [Military Parent Custody and Visitation](#)
- [Office of Child Support Enforcement \(OCSE\) Final Rules Governing Child Support Enforcement Programs](#)

#### Additional Resources:

- Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement, [Final Rule Resources: Flexibility, Efficiency, and Modernization in Child Support Programs Final Rule](#)
- Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement, [The Child Support Program is a Good Investment](#), December 2016
- Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement, [Exploring Trends in the Percent of Orders for Zero Dollars](#), May 2018
- American Enterprise Institute, [The Limited Reach of the Child Support System](#), December 2016
- U.S. Census Bureau, [Custodial Mothers and Fathers and Their Child Support: 2015](#), Issued January 2018
- Urban Institute, [Child Support Plays an Increasingly Important Role for Poor Custodial Families](#), December 2010

#### Income Shares Studies

- [Child Support Guidelines and Guidelines Reviews: State Differences and Common Issues](#), Family Law Quarterly, Vol. 47, No. 3 (Fall 2013) p. 327–352. © 2013 by the American Bar Association (accessed on the Center for Policy Research website)

- State Child Support Guideline Reviews: these reviews generally discuss the history of guidelines in the state, the economic considerations and calculations that go into the guidelines and other issues to be amended.
  - Florida (Income Shares); [Review and Update of Florida’s Child Support Guidelines](#), 2017
  - Nevada (Percentage of Income); [Review of the Nevada Child Support Guidelines](#), 2016
  - North Dakota (Percentage of Income); [Guidelines Quadrennial Review](#), 2018
  - Ohio (Income Shares); [2017 Child Support Guidelines Review](#), Report to the General Assembly
  - Virginia (Income Shares); [Review of Virginia’s Child Support Guidelines](#), December 2017
  - California (Income Shares); [Review of Statewide Uniform Child Support Guideline 2017](#), Report to the California Legislature

### **Pro Se Parties in Child Support**

Some states take an assisted pro-se (self-help) approach to establishing parenting time, as in California and Michigan, where the court system provides guidance and assistance to parents needing to establish or adjust orders.

- *California*: The [California Family Law Facilitator Program](#) (Cal. Fam. Law Code § 10000 et.seq.) assists parents with child support issues exclusively. The facilitator is not the parent’s lawyer and is not there to represent them. Instead, the facilitator can assist the parent with establishing or modifying an order, or simply help them fill out the required forms.
- *Michigan*: The Michigan Friend of Court Bureau (Mich. Comp. Laws §§ 522.501 et.seq.) is designed to establish and implement child support and [parenting time policies and guidelines](#), among other supports related to access to family court in Michigan. The Friend of Court Act was [first enacted in 1919](#) and has been modified over the years.