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In some states, child support is often paid directly to a state agency rather than the child's other parent. Divorced dads usually have many questions about this arrangement:

- Where is my child support money going?
- How is the money getting to my child?
- Do I need to take any actions to set up payments through this agency?
- What is the purpose of paying through the agency?

To understand the process, let's examine how one state handles child support payments through a state agency. Procedures likely vary by jurisdiction, but in general, here's what to expect.

Why Pay Child Support Through A State Agency

Where I practice, the state has determined that a centralized agency was necessary to track child support payments based on frequent cases involving disputes between parents over what amount was paid, the purpose of the funds exchanged, and whether there was a child support

arrearage.

Having a centralized agency keep track of the payments made allows the court to have access to an accurate record of the amount of money paid. This also eliminates situations where payments were made directly to a former spouse and the former spouse claimed the payments were a gift, loan, spousal maintenance, for the payment of joint marital bills, etc. and were not for the purpose of child support.

While it seems implausible that an estranged husband would give monetary gifts to his spouse rather than paying child support, these claims were frequently made and with little basis for proving otherwise, many men found themselves with a large arrearage balance as a result of these claims.

In order to combat this and allow courts, parents, and the child support division of the prosecutor's office to have access to up to date payment activity on child support accounts, Indiana created and implemented the Indiana State Central Collections Unit.

This also allows the state to track arrearages and to move forward with collections on them in the form of tax return interceptions and initiating court action against those with large arrearage balances.

Child Support Payment Procedure

In Indiana, where I practice, the courts often require that child support be paid through the Indiana State Central Collections Unit (INSCCU). In order to set up an account with this agency, a child support account information sheet must be filed with the local clerk's office.

Once the clerk sets up the account, they will provide you with an ISETS number. This is a number different that your cause number or case number with the court. The ISETS number is your child support account number and must be referenced with your child support payments.

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