

**Office of Child Support Services Budget Hearing**  
**Thursday, October 15, 2019**  
**4:00 p.m.**

- Introduction
- The Child Support Program encourages responsible parenting, family self-sufficiency, and child well-being by providing services to locate parents, establish paternity, establish, modify, and enforce support obligations, and collect support for children.
- The Office of Child Support Services' budget is approximately \$44M with 319 Staff, inclusive of the Fatherhood Initiative Office
- We have collections averaging \$229 million per year and serve over 139K children
- We are funded with Federal Title IV-D federal matched dollars at 66%, Federal Incentives (program income), Medical Incentives (local income), Administrative Fees (program income), State Match, & HHS Levy service dollars
- The OCSS Expenditure portion of budget includes:
  - 2% Cost of Living increase
  - 14% reduction in employee health care costs
  - 5 cooperative agreements (Domestic Relations Division; Juvenile Court Division, 2 child support services/cash; Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's office; Treasurer's office)
- We are not reducing or eliminating any existing programs, initiatives or services.
- We do not have any new initiatives or increased expenditures beyond what was added to our budget in 2019.
- We believe this budget is manageable for 2 years, and have no concerns with the 2020-2021 budgets