



## Prosecuting Attorney - Child Support 00100.842.

### Mission Statement

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Seek the Just Result

### Function

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The Family Support Division represents the Division of Child Support (DCS) of the State of Washington. The Family Support Division carries out judicial establishment of paternity and child support, enforcements for failure to pay court-ordered child support, and modifications to existing child support orders. The Family Support Division also represents the State of Washington in collection actions on parents owing a duty of child support.

### Trends/Events

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- The state has instituted higher confidentiality and protection of private information requirements for all Family Support offices handling DCS Title IV D work. The updated contract that Clallam County has entered with the state will require additional security protocols to the Family Support Division which are being instituted now. These include locking offices, locking file storage, clear desk / computer screen policies, updated purge procedures, visitor verification and office entry/exit logs, and employee reminders regarding dissemination of personal tax information.
- Many changes have been made to the pattern forms for Washington State Family Law cases. While WAPA-SEP has been able to keep up with some of these changes, others have been less timely. The Clallam County Family Support Division is working to maintain current forms to the extent possible using both the SEMS merge files from WAPA-SEP and seeking out updated pattern forms from the State Courts website.
- Clallam County Superior Court has shifted the Family Support / Contempt docket from 4 days per month to 2 days per month. This has caused a consolidation of the case load for hearings. In an effort to keep the calendar to no more than 30 cases, we will be looking for ways to keep more cases active in the diversion program; move to Show Cause Hearings more quickly without providing extended continuances for minimal showings of compliance; and get as many cases as possible onto an every other month court appearance.

### Goals

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- Re-envision and expand our contempt for failure to pay child support diversion program. It is our intention to improve reach (retention) and outcomes (consistent payment / wage withholding) of cases in the program through more extensive follow-up and resource referrals.
- Reduce the number of cases that require regular judicial oversight.
- Resume monthly trips to Forks to provide an alternate location for genetic testing sample collection, paternity interviews, and diversion interviews for West End residents.

## Challenges

- Negotiating impacts from the 15% budget cut required by the State of Washington.
- COVID-19 orders, policies and procedures within Clallam County have limited the number and types of offenders being received by the County Jail. As our contempt respondents are not engaged in criminal behavior nor are they an imminent threat to public safety, we are currently refraining from requesting bench warrants and seeking alternative means to get these individuals re-engaged with the contempt process. We will re-evaluate this approach as the County moves through the COVID-19 reopening phases.

## Workload Indicators

	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	6/30/20 Actual
Support Enforcement Cases (July - June)	148	105	60
Contempts	60	40	22
Modifications	23	21	9
Paternity	60	39	27
Other	5	5	5
Total Hearings	371	430	131

## Grant Funding Sources

1. Washington State Department of Social and Health Services
2. Department of Health and Human Services (Federal)

## Revenues

	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	6/30/20 Actual	2021 Budget
Taxes	0	0	0	0
Licenses and Permits	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental Revenues	255,446	230,225	154,327	260,000
Charges for Goods and Services	0	0	0	0
Fines and Forfeits	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Revenues	0	0	0	0
Other Financing Sources	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	0	0	0	0

General Tax Support	-621	41,252	-16,684	51,036
Total	254,825	271,477	137,643	311,036

## Expenditures

	2018 Actual	2019 Actual	6/30/20 Actual	2021 Budget
Salaries and Wages	161,099	165,524	83,936	179,113
Personnel Benefits	62,610	72,444	38,474	82,453
Supplies	1,712	993	2,614	3,800
Other Services and Charges	29,404	32,516	12,619	35,670
Intergovernmental Services	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlays	0	0	0	10,000
Interfund Payments for Services	0	0	0	0
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0
Total	254,825	271,477	137,643	311,036

## Staffing

	2018 Budget	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	2021 Budget
Full Time Equivalents	2.90	2.90	2.90	2.53