

CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY LETTER OF SUPPORT---sample

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Re: Letter of Support for Children First Program

To Whom it May Concern:

The _____ County (or Tribal) Child Support Agency submits this letter in support of the Children First program being proposed by _____. We further understand that we may issue additional letters of support on behalf of other Children First proposals.

In the event that a contract is awarded to the above-referenced Children First proposer, the _____ County (or Tribal) Child Support Agency agrees to perform the activities listed below to support the Children First program. We understand that these activities cannot be funded with Children First funds, but are reimbursable activities under the county or tribal IV-D Program.

We understand that because the Children First funding is limited, it may be necessary to limit the number of noncustodial (NCPs) parents that we refer to the Children First program.

We also understand that under Wis. Stat. § 49.36 an individual may be referred to the Children First program only one time in a 12-month period.

We agree to:

1. Act as liaison between the courts and the Children First program, by identifying individuals that meet the eligibility requirements outlined in Wis. Stat. § 767.55 and recommend to the court that appropriate NCPs be court-ordered to participate in the program.
2. For each NCP referred to the Children First program, insure that an appropriate court order is executed, including appropriate findings pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 767.55. A sample *Children First Order* can be found in KIDS, which contains the elements required by statute. Per statute, the court must:
 - Find that the parent is able to work full-time;
 - Find that the parent works an average of less than 32 hours per week, and is not participating in an employment and training program;
 - Find that the parent earns less than he/she has the ability to earn or has an actual weekly gross income of less than 40 times the federal minimum hourly wage;
 - Find that the parent resides in a county with a work experience and job-training program under Wis. Stat. § 49.36 and that the county agrees to enroll the parent;
 - Require the NCP to participate in the Children First program;

- Establish support in the amount the parent was ordered to pay in the most recent determination of support or an amount equal to the amount determined by applying the percentage standard established under Wis. Stat. § 49.22(9) to the income a person would earn by working 40 hours per week for the federal minimum hourly wage under 29 USC 206(a)(1); or
 - Provide that, after the obligation to make payments ordered under Wis. Stat. § 767.55 ceases, the parent must make payments calculated under Wis. Stat. § 767.511 (1j) or (1m).
3. Complete the Children First Registration Form and send the form to the agency providing the Children First services. Upon request, we will inform the NCP of the time and location of the first Children First orientation or appointment.
 4. If the NCP fails to comply with the Children First program, the Children First program will forward proper documentation of non-compliance to the child support agency. Upon receiving said documentation, we will take appropriate action to enforce the child support order.
 5. For purposes of communication with the Department of Children and Families, we designate the following as the agency contact person for the Children First program:

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

I have reviewed the 2017 Children First Program Guide and I understand the child support agency's responsibilities for the Children First program.

Sincerely,

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Child Support Agency Director/Administrator or Child Support Attorney
Or Tribal Court Authority