

CONFERENCE OF STATE COURT ADMINISTRATORS

Resolution III

In Support of Judicial Consultation in the Development of State Title IV-D Plans

WHEREAS, Title IV-D of the Social Security Act provides for federal financial participation in support of state and local judicial and executive branch agencies enforcing orders of financial support of children; and

WHEREAS, each state, through its designated Title IV-D agency submits state plans for Title IV-D activities to the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement for approval; and

WHEREAS, the judicial branch of each state has a role in the enforcement of financial support of children, and has a role in protecting the well-being of children of divorced, separated, or never married parents, and further, the operations of the judicial branch of each state is affected by the activities of the state Title IV-D agency and the policies adopted by those agencies; and

WHEREAS, collaboration between executive and judicial branch agencies regarding the development of policy and plans for services to children and families will improve the integration and therefore the quality of services to children and families;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conference of Chief Justices and Conferences of State Court Administrators urge the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children and Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement, to encourage state Title IV-D agencies to consult with the Chief Justice and State Court Administrator in their state on the development of the state plan for Title IV-D services.

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