



## Better Locate Non-Custodial Parents and Restore Family Connections with Accurint® for Government

**Enacted in 1975, the Child Support Enforcement (CSE) Program now faces new realities that challenge the success of this essential program:**

**Changing family dynamics:** Incarceration rates have increased by more than 500% since 1975. Unwed births accounted for 10% of all births in 1975—they account for 40% today.<sup>1</sup>

**Modification of obligations:** Legislators and agencies are re-thinking the way child support obligations are established. Unrealistic payment expectations, especially in the case of incarcerated parents, are often counterproductive.

**Child support debt is growing:** Approximately 25% of all U.S. inmates owe child support. On average, an incarcerated parent with a child support order is released from prison with roughly \$20,000 in debt.<sup>2</sup>

### Child Support Statistics

On average, incarcerated parents who owe child support leave prison with nearly \$20,000 in child support debt.

2.2M U.S. citizens are incarcerated

50% are parents

25% owe child support

\$20K average child support debt

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**\$11 Billion problem**

## Investigate, Locate, and Monitor Non-Custodial Parents (NCPs)

A data-driven approach is critical to the future success of the CSE Program. Accurint for Government taps into the nation's most comprehensive and current incarceration data network, with direct jail management system interfaces to over 2,800 jails and DOC facilities. Collaborating with child support agencies across the country, we have identified a critical need for access to real-time incarceration data to successfully locate and monitor NCPs who are in the various stages of incarceration.

This incarceration intelligence gives agencies access to accurate, timely data that allows agencies to locate and monitor NCPs, with the end goal of increasing child support payments.

## Help Parents Support Their Children

Child support professionals are increasingly shifting their focus away from punitive action to strategies designed to increase family cohesion among parents and their children. Real-time incarceration data can contribute to the success of such strategies by helping agencies modify and/or reduce obligations for incarcerated NCPs.

### This approach can facilitate several important outcomes:

- Modification of orders during incarceration reduces uncollectible child support debt and increases the chance for a more positive financial outcome.
- Knowing where the individual is in the incarceration lifecycle improves the likelihood of success with rehabilitation programs.

- NCPs who are financially involved are more likely to remain a key part of their children's lives.

## Strengthen Agency Performance Measures with Real-Time, Accurate Data

The Child Support Performance and Incentive Act established five performance measures by which agencies are measured and funded: paternity establishment percentage, support order establishment, current collections, arrearage collections, and cost-effectiveness.

Accurint for Government helps states improve performance in each of the five measures to maximize their share of the incentive payment pool.

Our solution enables agencies to vastly improve process efficiencies, save tax dollars, and ultimately support the financial needs of dependent children.

Agencies are able to place “watches” on their NCP lists, and receive alerts when a monitored NCP is:

- Booked into custody
- Released from custody
- Incarcerated for a certain “length of stay”

*“The child support mission is aimed at improving overall child and family well-being and capacity for self-sufficiency. I challenge you to consider how your program can develop and implement practices that foster responsibility and reconnection for formerly incarcerated parents.”*

—Scott Lekan Commissioner,  
Office Of Child Support Enforcement<sup>3</sup>



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<sup>1</sup> Next gen child support, Deloitte (2016).

<sup>2</sup> Final Rule - Modification for Incarcerated Parents, Office of Child Support Enforcement

<sup>3</sup> Child Support Report, Office of Child Support Enforcement (April 2019)