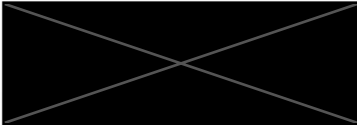




March 29, 2017



RE: Freedom of Information Act Request-S.C. Child Support Program
Date correspondence received: March 28, 2017

Dear Ms. D'Andre,

Your above referenced South Carolina Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request mailed to Custodian of Records at the South Carolina Department of Social Services (SCDSS) was forwarded to me for response. This letter will serve as SCDSS's initial response to your request.

Following, please find our response with regards to the individually numbered items of your request.

- 1) The number of open cases with the Child Support Program in the State;

SCDSS Response: 185,195 active IV-D cases as of today (3/28/17). This represents about 75% of all the child support cases in the state. About 25% of the cases are private and not included in this number.

- 2) The top 100 cases with the highest balances due in the State; and ;

SCDSS Response: The family courts are the keeper of these records and each of the 46 counties will have their own individual account balances. Once our automated system (PACSS) is implemented and payments begin going to one central location, we will then have access to all accounts. At this time, we are unable to provide this information and S.C. Code section 30-4-10, et seq. does not require an agency to create a document or other form of record in response to a FOIA request.

- 3) Clarification on the amount due. Does it represent support due or support plus interest (if in judgment)?

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SCDSS Response: Please see response to inquiry # 2. At this time, we are unable to provide this information.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this response, please feel free to contact our office.

With kind regards,



Tina L.M. Young
FOIA Officer

cc: Karen Wingo

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