

Carla D'Andre

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Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 12:05 PM
To: Carla D'Andre
Subject: RE: Public Records Request/D'Andre
Attachments: CSR 1069722 (R170030) Top 100 Debt Amounts 20170223.pdf

Ms. D'Andre,

Enclosed please find a listing of the top 100 arrearage balances in Wisconsin on open IV-D cases without interest.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

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On Feb 20, 2017, at 4:52 PM, Chesnik, Connie - DCF <Connie.Chesnik@wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Hello Ms. D'Andre,

I am writing to respond to your records request below.

Wisconsin's Legislature has declared that open records are the policy of the state. Wis. Stat. §19.31. While this policy of openness is strong, the right to inspect public records is not absolute. See *State ex rel. Youmans v. Owens*, 28 Wis. 2d 672, 681, 137 N.W.2d 470 (1965); *Munroe v. Braatz*, 201 Wis. 2d 442, 449, 549 N.W.2d 451 (Ct. App. 1996). Public records must be open to the public unless a clear statutory exception, a common law limitation, or an overriding public interest in keeping the record confidential exists. See *Hathaway v. Joint School District No. 1*, 116 Wis. 2d 388, 397, 342 N.W.2d 682 (1984). If a record contains some information that is not subject to disclosure, records custodians have an obligation to redact the confidential portion of the record and release the remainder. *Osborn v. Bd. Of Regents*, 2002 WI 83, ¶ 45, 254 Wis. 2d 266, 647 N.W.2d 158; Wis. Stat. §1936(6).

Under Wis. Stat. §49.83, child support information is considered confidential and may be released only for purposes related to the administration of the child support program. I can tell you that there are currently 361,169 cases in the child support program caseload. However, child support participant information is confidential and therefore your requests in numbers 2 and 3 below are denied. Additionally, we do not maintain records that categorize cases by the arrearage amount and a

records authority is not required by the Public Records Law to create a new record by extracting and compiling information from existing records in a new format. Wis. Stat. §19.35(L). *George v. Record Custodian*, 169 Wis. 2d 573, 579, 485 N.W.2d 340 (Ct. App. 1992).

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.35(4)(b), I am required to inform you that since your request was made in writing, the determination to deny your request in part is subject to review by mandamus under Wis. Stat. § 19.37, or upon application to the attorney general or to your local district attorney.

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From: Carla D'Andre
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2017 12:00 PM
Cc: Carla D'Andre
Subject: Public Records Request
Importance: High

Date: February 17, 2017

To: Custodian of Records; or Whom it May Concern:

As a US citizen, I am requesting to obtain copies of public records that pertain to the Child Support Program of your State. The records I am requesting are as follows:

1. The number of open cases with the Child Support Program in the State.
2. The top 100 cases with the highest balances due in the State. For example, #1 – \$1+ million, #2 – \$975k and so on.
3. Clarification on the amount due. Does it represent support due or support plus interest (if in judgment).

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform me before you proceed. If this is the case, I would also like to request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and in the public domain but not collected in this way presently.

In regards to time, please respond to this request in accordance to state law. If access to the records I am requesting will take longer, please contact me with information about when I might expect copies of the requested records. We have been provided this information from one state already. If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information.

We apologize if this request has been made to the incorrect entity. If so, please direct me towards the correct contact for this request and feel free to forward accordingly.

WE thank you in advance for your efforts on behalf of our request. If you need to reach me directly or will send the material via email: please email me at or my work email. You can also call me at: (cell) or at my office.

Please mail physical copies to me:

Thank you

Carla

Carla D'Andre, CPCU, CLU, ARe

BALANCE

\$573,143.54
\$464,124.61
\$367,579.52
\$344,902.81
\$326,446.16
\$309,951.81
\$309,431.00
\$303,373.09
\$293,265.00
\$274,680.49
\$267,088.44
\$265,604.47
\$256,901.82
\$247,897.29
\$238,184.58
\$235,227.85
\$232,300.97
\$231,404.17
\$225,865.35
\$224,806.35
\$216,387.26
\$208,924.01
\$202,832.39
\$199,058.40
\$198,802.18
\$195,780.20
\$194,617.62
\$188,197.52
\$187,482.26
\$183,771.62
\$181,521.71
\$181,224.75
\$179,608.98
\$179,173.68
\$178,164.53
\$177,563.50
\$177,500.00
\$174,081.15
\$173,670.13
\$171,126.21
\$168,998.20
\$167,881.78
\$166,645.11
\$164,867.72
\$162,918.17
\$162,592.39
\$161,106.99
\$159,657.96
\$159,105.33
\$158,614.76
\$158,608.73
\$158,558.76
\$157,075.68
\$156,595.71
\$155,671.45
\$155,593.99

BALANCE

\$155,438.91
\$155,034.87
\$153,776.88
\$153,081.02
\$152,814.88
\$151,672.29
\$151,005.03
\$150,317.90
\$150,146.23
\$149,312.06
\$147,620.57
\$147,367.14
\$147,273.15
\$145,960.00
\$145,495.51
\$144,558.79
\$144,431.67
\$144,286.71
\$141,630.37
\$141,605.53
\$141,368.41
\$139,999.52
\$139,757.08
\$139,546.56
\$139,085.04
\$137,713.16
\$137,461.95
\$136,196.49
\$135,826.78
\$134,705.50
\$134,173.56
\$133,145.15
\$132,873.85
\$132,720.00
\$132,666.10
\$131,726.05
\$131,419.63
\$131,295.78
\$131,235.53
\$130,834.04
\$130,345.41
\$130,113.37
\$130,010.73
\$129,072.34