



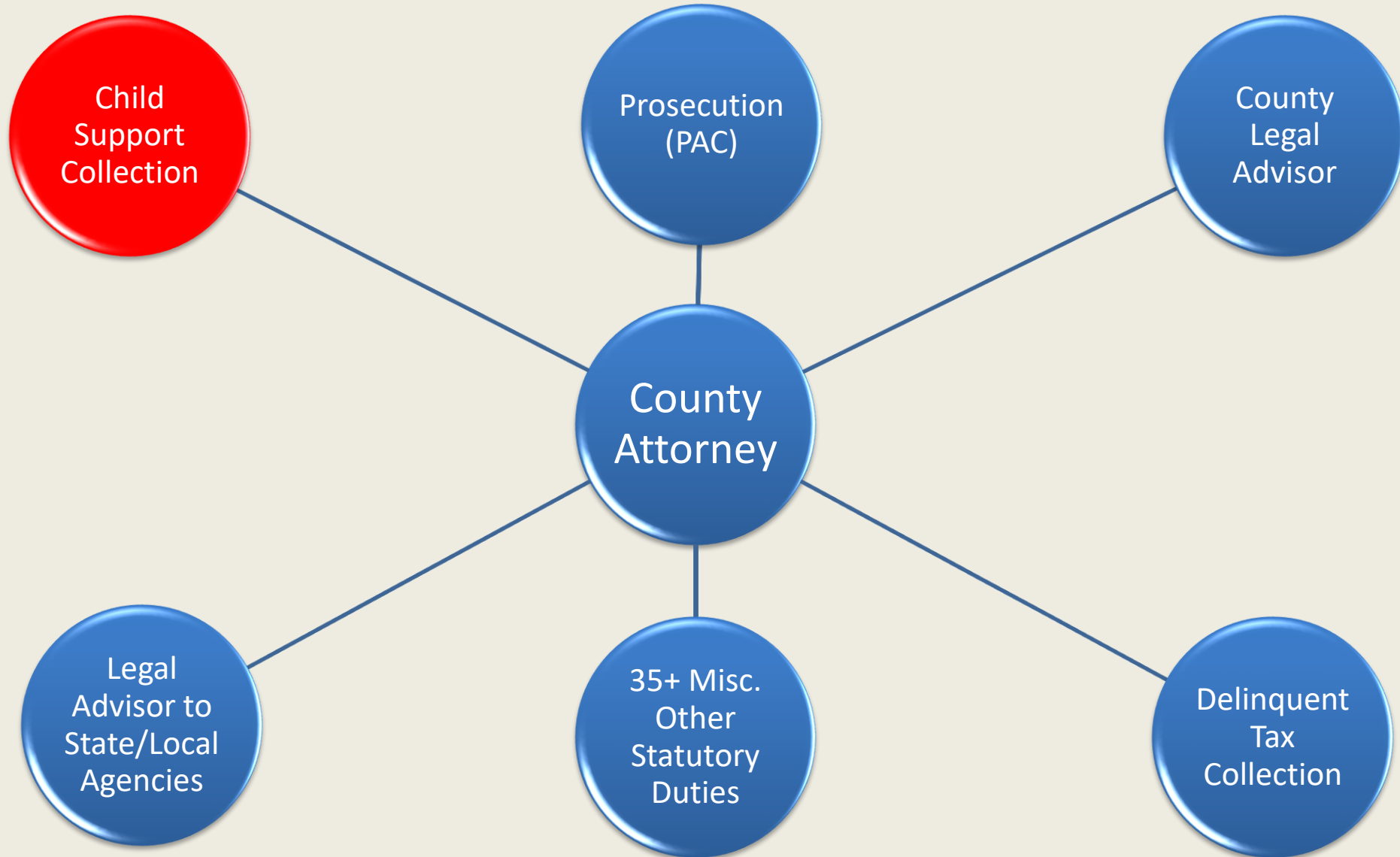
Kentucky Child Support

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Overview of County Attorney Duties



**US Dept. of Health & Human Services
Federal Office of
Child Support Enforcement (OCSE)**

IV-D
Designee

**Cabinet for Health & Family Services
Division for Income Support
Child Support Enforcement**

Cooperative
Agreements

**County Attorneys
Child Support Offices
KRS 205.712**

Common Misconceptions

Child Support is not a part of the Attorney General's Office

No funding comes from the Prosecutor's Advisory Council (PAC)

Child Support: A Great Return on Investment

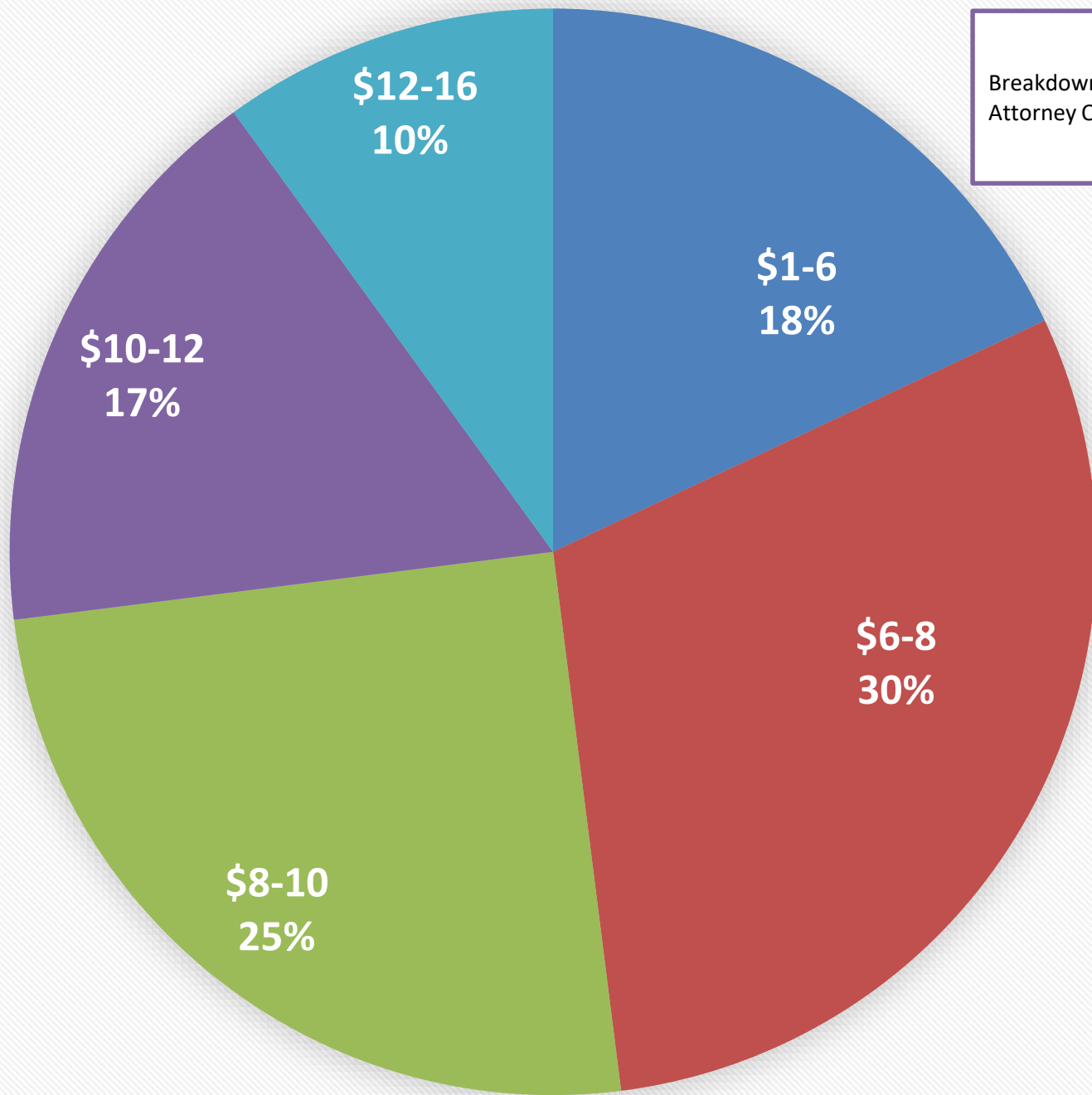
Kentucky

- \$6.33 returned for every \$1.00 spent
- Ranked 11th

Nationally

- \$5.32 for every \$1.00 spent

Breakdown of ROI for County Attorney Offices



■ \$1-6 ■ \$6-8 ■ \$8-10 ■ \$10-12 ■ \$12-16

Snapshot: Jefferson County

- 55,296 open child support cases*
- 12,837 walk-in clients
- 67,235 telephone calls
- 1,250 hearings month (10 family court divisions)
- 2,880 mediations
- 8 detectives served 1,793 documents**

*As of May 31, 2019

** Fiscal Year 19

All other figures are for calendar year 2018

Federal Requirements for Child Support Enforcement

Establish a state agency to administer the IV-D program and collect and disburse child support payments

Every state must adopt child support guidelines

All orders must provide for health care coverage

Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA) must pursue out of state cases

How do federal requirements lead to need for updated guidelines?

- Current Collections – measured by amount collected vs. what is owed; need right sized Orders to improve these numbers.

County Attorney Services

- Establish Paternity
- Obtain Child Support Orders
- Issue Wage Withholding
- Review/Modify Support Orders
- Obtain/Enforce Medical Support Orders
- Meet with Citizens
- Provide Customer Service
- Pursue Civil Contempt
- Pursue Misdemeanor & Felony Non-Support
- Work Interstate Cases
- Prepare Pay History
- Facilitate DNA testing
- Update information on the KASES system

Tools for Enforcement

Administrative Enforcement

- Wage Withholdings
- Fed/State Tax Offsets
- Liens
- Passport denials
- Bank levy (FIDM)
- License Revocations

Judicial Enforcement

- Civil Contempt
- Misdemeanor Non-Support
- Felony Flagrant Non-Support

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Proposals

- Current Law: \$1,000 threshold
- CJPAC: raise to \$10,000
- County Attorneys: \$2,500

Concerns

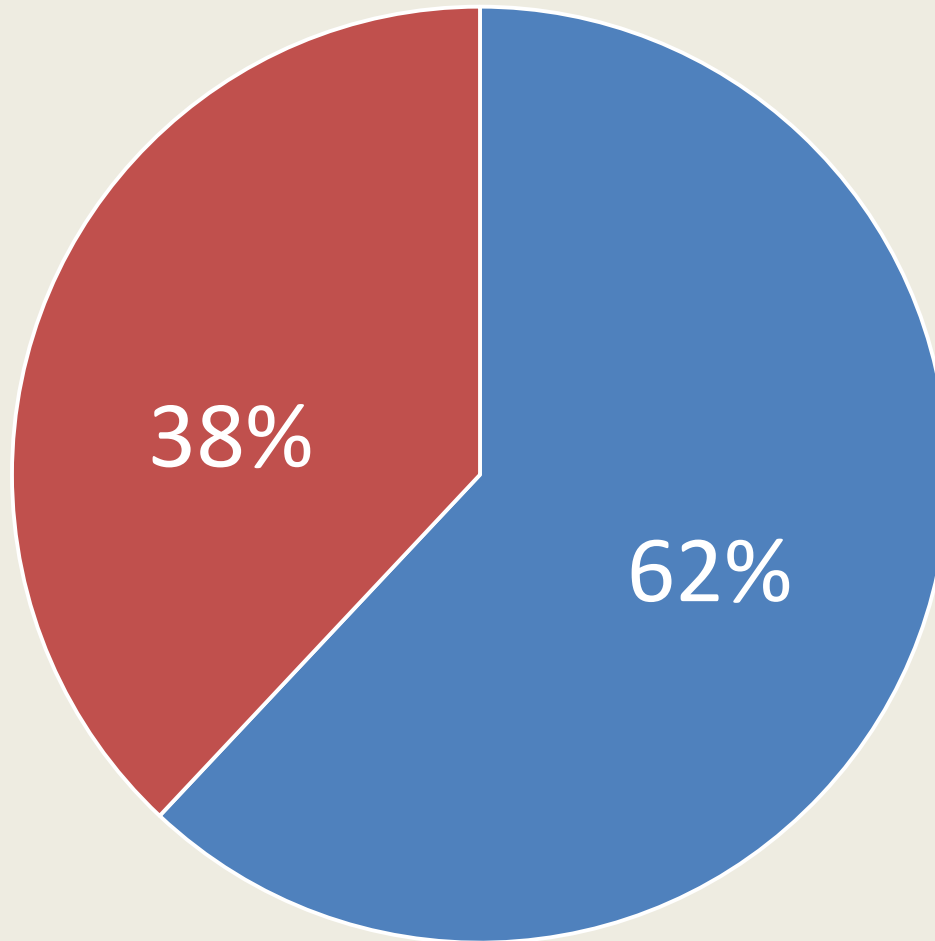
- Limits ability to enforce against people living out of state

Criminal Non-Support

- 2018 – 1,541 felony non-support cases. What impact would that have on overall jail population?
- Many larger counties seeing success using misdemeanors instead of felonies

Case Load by Population

■ 25 Most Populous Counties ■ Other 95 Counties



County by Population	% of Total Case Load	% of Total CA Budget
Jefferson County <i>(1 Jeff Co =69 counties)</i>	20%	22%
Top 3 <i>Jefferson Fayette Kenton</i>	31%	31%
Top 10	44%	45%
Top 25	62%	61%