



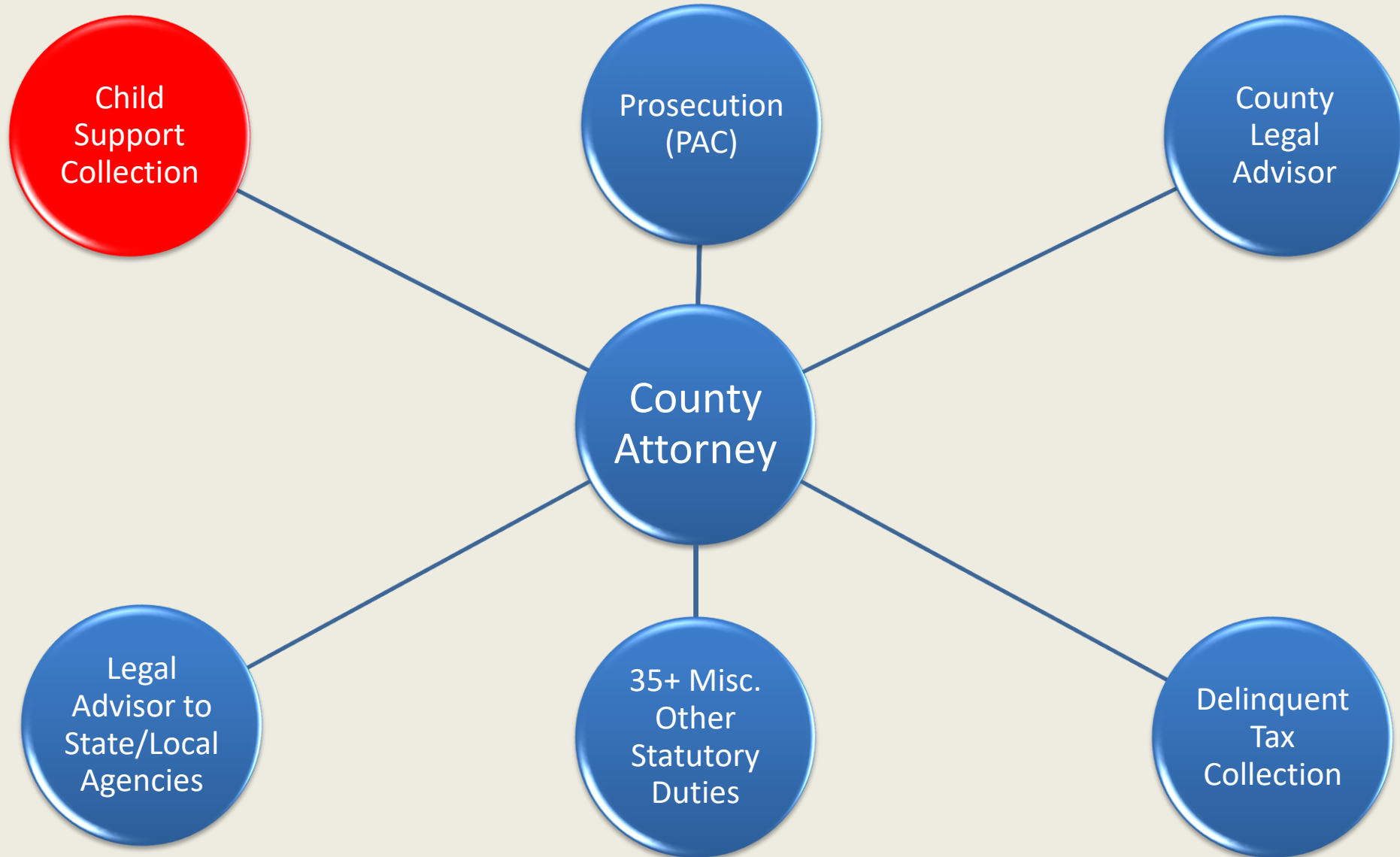
Kentucky Child Support

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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

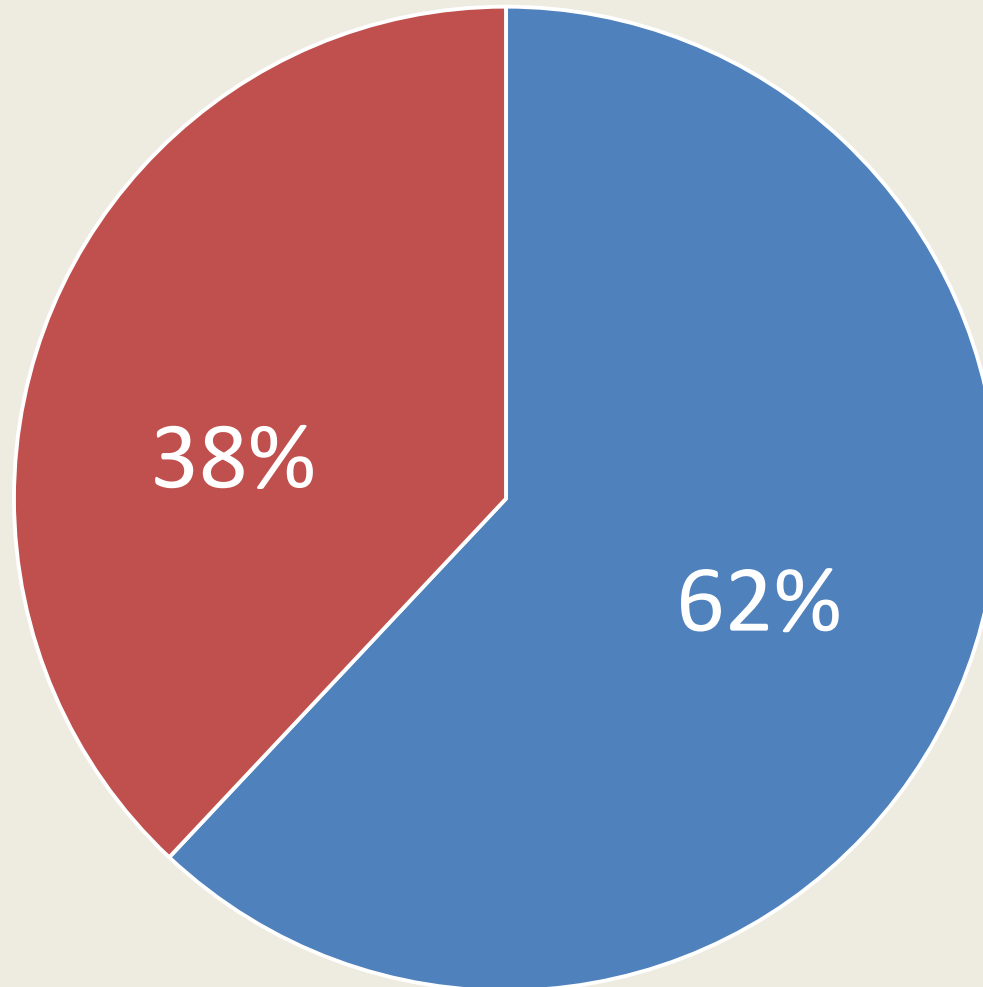
No funding comes from the Prosecutor's Advisory Council (PAC)

FY19 Total Cases/Collections

- **269,076 open cases**
- **\$364 million collected**

Case Load

■ 25 Largest Case Loads ■ Other 95 Counties



County	Active cases	FY2019 Collections
Jefferson (1 st)	55,760	\$ 57,536,609.23
Fayette (2 nd)	18,953	\$ 20,065,888.45
Kenton (3 rd)	11,527	\$ 18,396,608.22
Warren (5 th)	6,008	\$ 9,764,943.35
Daviess (7 th)	5,771	\$ 9,431,212.25
Boone (4 th)	4,809	\$ 13,298,032.27
Campbell (8 th)	4,771	\$ 7,958,804.57
Hardin (6 th)	4,707	\$ 10,211,526.00
Madison (9 th)	4,319	\$ 6,702,390.51
Pike	4,240	\$ 4,097,998.36
Christian	4,228	\$ 8,366,497.99
Laurel	4,203	\$ 5,026,835.93
Pulaski	4,144	\$ 5,138,274.57
Henderson	3,915	\$ 5,933,093.18
McCracken	3,449	\$ 5,383,411.42
Floyd	3,100	\$ 3,499,077.70
Bullitt (10 th)	3,032	\$ 5,540,520.12
Barren	2,873	\$ 3,665,062.51
Hopkins	2,682	\$ 4,923,294.66
Whitley	2,670	\$ 2,869,765.90
Jessamine	2,667	\$ 3,591,111.82
Scott	2,649	\$ 4,079,004.00
Bell	2,613	\$ 1,968,956.14
Nelson	2,568	\$ 4,604,125.53
Franklin	2,513	\$ 3,977,221.61

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* (*not an exact match)	62%	61%

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

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

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

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

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

Why do we need to change the guidelines?

- Must be reviewed every 4 years
 - 45 CFR § 302.56(e)
- Consider economic data on cost of raising children, etc

Shared Parenting

Already seeing increase in shared parenting orders

Expect trend to continue with 2018 shared parenting legislation

Shared Parenting - Challenges

- Making sure child support attorneys and staff aren't drawn into custody matters
- At 50/50 shared parenting, the guidelines may not be a perfect fit, and deviation from the guidelines is likely required
- Currently using the off-set model for shared parenting cases
- Daycare and/or medical expenses are important factors in setting all child support