

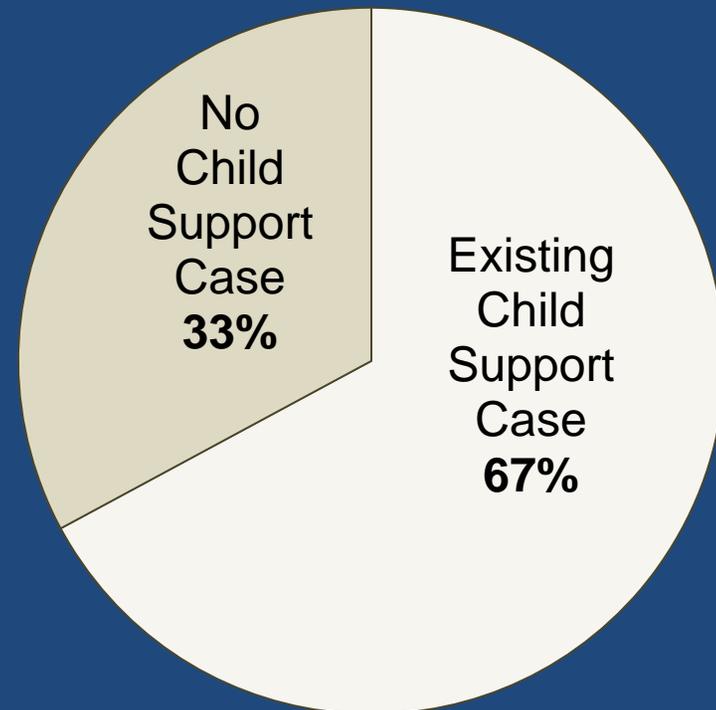
FOOD STAMP CHILD SUPPORT COOPERATION STUDY



Highlights

- Utah's existing food stamp eligibility requirements function like a voluntary program for child support cooperation.
- Food stamp participating families who also received child support payments in 2013, received on average \$72 less in food stamp benefits.
- Custodial low-income parents are not confident opening a child support case would result in additional income for their family.

(N= 37,307)



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- The enhanced voluntary program includes the addition of print materials and online information.
- This type of program would likely result in minimal impacts to DWS and would not alter ORS practices.
- An enhanced voluntary program is estimated to cost less than \$25,000 for initial implementation, and then less than \$5,000 annually.

Highlights

- State agencies would experience significant impacts to systems and staff under a mandatory program.
- It is estimated that a mandatory program would cost \$3.2 to \$3.6 M for personnel and data system enhancements.
- A mandatory program would likely result in a loss of food stamp benefits to families which would not be offset by the amount expected from child support payments.

Highlights

The range of program options includes:

A) no change to current voluntary program,

B) enhancement of current voluntary program, or

C) a phased transition from a voluntary to a mandatory program. Immediate adoption of a mandatory program is not recommended.