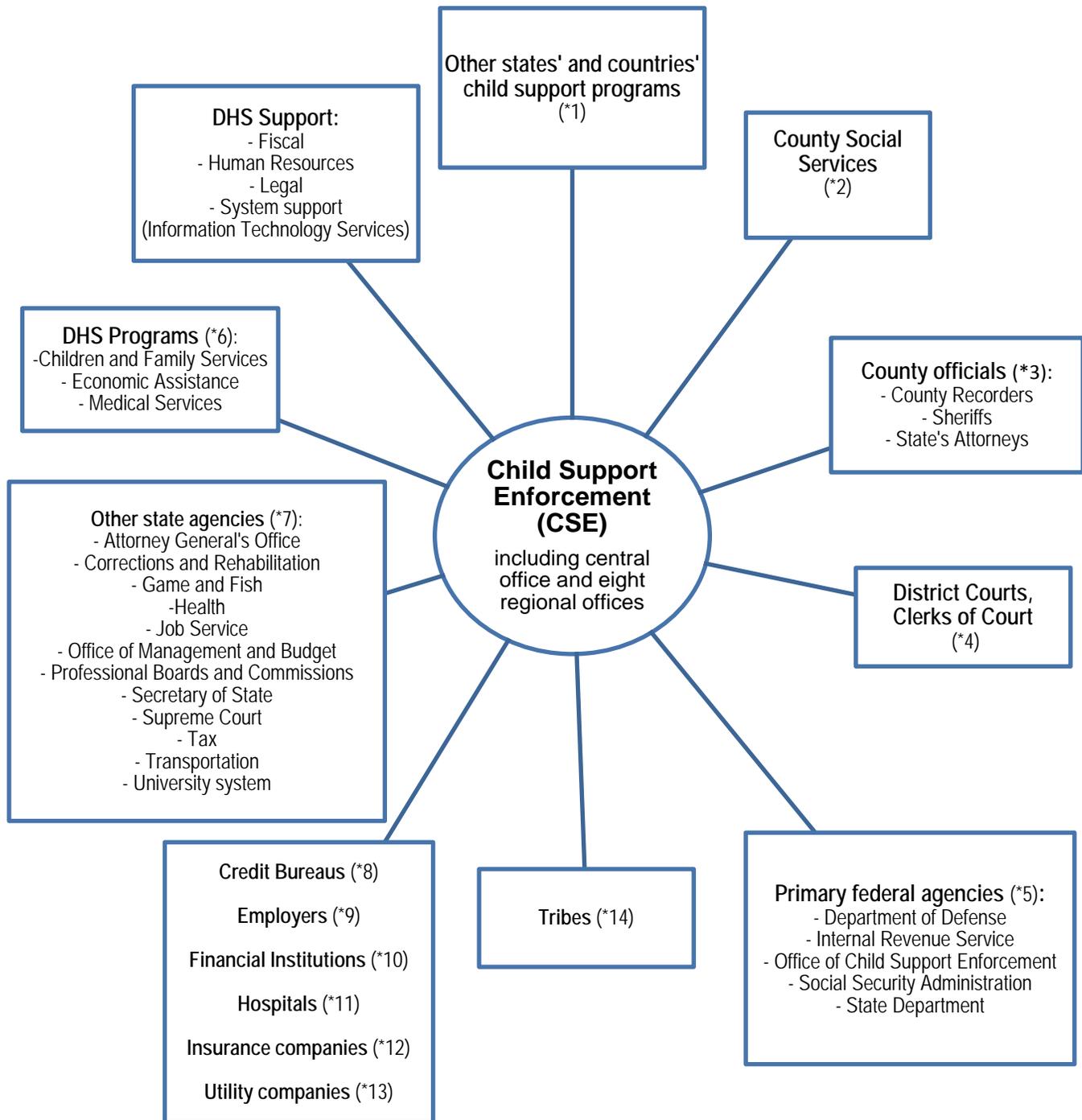


**Support Enforcement
Primary Interdependencies and Interactions
September 2009**



* See attached for more detailed information on the primary interdependencies.

Number/Entity	Primary Interdependencies and Interactions
<p>1. Other states' and countries' child support programs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSE sends outgoing interstate cases to other states and countries for appropriate services. (Usually when noncustodial parent resides in another state and we are not able to take appropriate action without another state's assistance.) • CSE receives incoming interstate cases from other states and countries for appropriate services. (Usually when noncustodial parent resides in North Dakota and the other state is not able to take appropriate action without our assistance.)
<p>2. County Social Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TANF, Medicaid, and Foster Care cases are worked by the eligibility staff.
<p>3. County officials</p>	<p>County Recorders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSE accesses real property information. • CSE files liens on personal property with County Recorders. <p>Sheriffs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve papers relating to establishment and enforcement legal processes. • Handle forced sales of assets to collect child support. • Take individuals into custody on contempt of court orders for jail time. <p>State's Attorneys</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursue contempt of court proceedings and prosecute for state criminal nonsupport.
<p>4. District Courts Clerks of Court</p>	<p>District Courts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue orders to establish paternity and support. • Preside over contempt proceedings. <p>Clerks of Court</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enter and maintain court order information on FACSES. • Initiate contempt proceedings. • Provide customer service.

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<p>5. Primary federal agencies</p>	<p>Department of Defense</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSE accesses DOD information. • CSE electronically issues income withholding orders through Defense Financing and Accounting Service (DFAS); DFAS withholds and electronically sends money to the SDU. <p>Internal Revenue Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSE accesses federal tax records. • Offset federal tax refunds to pay past-due child support. <p>Office of Child Support Enforcement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The federal agency responsible for the administration of the Child Support Enforcement program. • Responsible for developing federal policy; oversight; conducting audits of state programs; and providing technical assistance and training to the state programs. <p>Social Security Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verify information for CSE. • CSE issues income withholding orders to SSA for withholding from certain benefits; SSA withholds and sends money to the SDU. <p>State Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deny passports when there is past-due child support.
<p>6. DHS Programs</p>	<p>Children and Family Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSE receives referrals from the Foster Care program. (When a child goes into a paid Foster Care setting, a referral is sent to CSE.) • Upon receipt of a referral, CSE provides all appropriate services on the case. • CSE exchanges information with the Foster Care program on the cases in common. <p>Economic Assistance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSE receives referrals from the TANF program. (When a family becomes eligible for TANF and certain “deprivation” reasons exist (e.g., a parent is absent from the home), a referral is sent to CSE.) • Upon receipt of a referral, CSE provides all appropriate services on the case. • CSE exchanges information with the TANF program on the cases in common. <p>Medical Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSE receives referrals from the Medicaid program. (When a family becomes eligible for Medicaid and certain “deprivation” reasons exist (e.g., a parent is absent from the home), a referral is sent to CSE.) • Upon receipt of a referral, CSE provides all appropriate services on the case. • CSE exchanges information with the Medicaid program on the cases in common.

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<p>7. Other state agencies</p>	<p>Attorney General's Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Lottery Division offsets certain winnings to pay past-due child support. <p>Corrections and Rehabilitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSE accesses inmate records. • CSE accesses parole/probation records. <p>Game and Fish</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSE accesses Game and Fish records. • CSE issues recreational license suspension and reinstatement orders to Game and Fish; Game and Fish suspends and reinstates the licenses. <p>Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSE accesses information from the Vital Records Division including birth certificates, death certificates, and, most commonly, Voluntary Paternity Acknowledgments (VPAs). • Vital Records Division is a VPA service entity; they provide the full range of VPA services. • Vital Records files VPAs. <p>Job Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSE accesses records (e.g., quarterly wage information). • CSE issues income withholding orders for unemployment benefits; JSND withholds and sends money to the SDU. <p>Office of Management and Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSE electronically issues income withholding orders to OMB for employee wages; OMB withholds and electronically sends money to the SDU. <p>Professional Boards and Commissions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSE accesses information from professional boards and commissions. • CSE issues professional and occupational license suspension and reinstatement orders to professional boards and commissions; professional boards and commissions suspend and reinstate the licenses. <p>Secretary of State</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSE accesses the Secretary of State's business database. • CSE accesses the Secretary of State's Central Index System. • CSE files liens on certain personal property with the Secretary of State. <p>Supreme Court</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State's appellate court with the responsibility of hearing appeals from decisions of the district courts. • Responsible for administration of the court system including clerk of court contract with CSE.

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(Other state agencies, cont.)	<p>Tax</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSE accesses tax records. • Offset state tax refunds to pay past-due child support. <p>Transportation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSE accesses driver's license information. • CSE accesses motor vehicle registration information. • CSE issues driver's license and vehicle registration suspension and reinstatement orders to DOT; DOT suspends and reinstates the licenses and registrations. • CSE files vehicle liens with DOT; DOT places liens on the vehicles. <p>University system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSE issues income withholding orders to the University system for employee wages; the University system withholds and sends money to the SDU.
8. Credit bureaus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSE accesses credit bureau information. • CSE reports unpaid child support to credit bureaus.
9. Employers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSE accesses information from private businesses and government entities on employees and former employees. • CSE issues income withholding orders to employers; employers withhold and send money to the SDU. • CSE issues National Medical Support Notices (NMSNs) to employers; employers enroll the children in available health insurance. • Employers report new hires to CSE within 20 days of date of hire. • Employers report lump sum payments to CSE.
10. Financial institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSE accesses financial institution records. • CSE issues liens and executions on financial accounts; financial institutions freeze the accounts, or seize the money and send to the SDU.
11. Hospitals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birthing hospitals are the primary VPA service entity. Provide the full range of VPA services in the hospital, at the time of the child's birth.
12. Insurance companies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Child Support Lien Network (CSLN) and the Office of Child Support Enforcement provides matches with insurance proceeds. (Once identified, CSE seizes the proceeds.) • Health Management Systems (HMS), through the Medical Support Services Consortium, provides health insurance policy information.
13. Utility companies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSE accesses customer account information. • CSE performs electronic matches with several cooperatives.
14. Tribes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSE provides services on tribal-related IV-D cases to the extent allowable, given jurisdictional considerations. • CSE IV-D attorneys are licensed to practice law in certain tribal courts. • CSE provides payment information each month to tribes on their court orders. • Three Affiliated Tribes (TAT) operates a tribal IV-D program; a cooperative agreement is in place between CSE and TAT.