

NEW YORK


INDICATOR NAME:

Family Violence Indicator

SETTING CRITERIA:

IV-D--
Good Cause status (TANF)

IV-D & Non IV-D --
Protection order
Self-report

ELIGIBLE PEOPLE:

People Directly Protected --
Victims

Others Protected --
Children in CP victim's household involved in the victim's NY
child support cases or orders (Automatic)

IMPACT:

Sends FV Indicator to the FCR

DURATION:

Indefinite

REMOVAL CRITERIA:

Expiration of protection order
Victim request

OVERRIDE:

State-specific components not yet developed

Below is a copy of an early New York policy memorandum that was prepared to explain the Family Violence (FV) Indicator concept to the State's child support staff. It also outlines the weekly process of transmitting New York FV Indicators to the FCR.

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To: All CSEU Coordinators

Dear Colleague:

I am writing to you regarding the newly created Federal Case Registry (FCR), and the modifications to CSMS which will support the submission of, and update of, IV-D cases and Non IV-D orders to the FCR. These modifications are now available on CSMS.

PLEASE REPRODUCE THIS LETTER AND DISTRIBUTE IT TO YOUR STAFF

BACKGROUND

The passage of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, (PRWORA), Section 453 of Title IV, Part D mandated the establishment of the FCR. PRWORA's provisions relating to the FCR were further amended by the Balanced Budget Reconciliation Act of 1997, the Taxpayers Relief Act of 1997 and the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997. The Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement operates a national computer system, the expanded Federal Parent Locator Service, that enables State Child Support Enforcement Agencies to more effectively resolve some of the tracking and jurisdictional problems caused by interstate movement of custodial and non custodial parents. By identifying information for persons involved in interstate cases, the FPLS increases the States' ability to establish paternity, establish, enforce, set the amount of, or modify child support obligations. The expanded FPLS consists of the following:

- x The National Directory of New Hires, (NDNH);
- x The Federal Case Registry, (FCR); and
- x The Federal Parent Locator Service, (FPLS).

The goal of the expanded FPLS is to expedite case processing and to quickly locate persons involved in child support cases. The FCR supports this goal by proactively providing matching FCR and NDNH data to a State registering a person in a IV-D case without requiring the submission of a request for locate. Proactive matching is especially helpful to States in interstate matters by providing the most recent W-4, Quarterly Wage, and Unemployment Insurance information for all participants in child support cases, except for children.

THE FCR

The FCR is a national registry of IV-D cases and Non IV-D orders. The registry maintains key information for the case or order and the related participants. This information is used to proactively match a newly registered or updated person from one State with IV-D cases involving the person in other States. The results of this proactive matching process are sent to the registering State and the other State, or States, with cases involving the person. When a person is added to, or updated in a case on the FCR, whether in a IV-D case or a Non IV-D order, this information will be sent to States that currently have the person registered in a IV-D case.

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FAMILY VIOLENCE INDICATOR

The Family Violence Indicator, "FVI" on JCA and "FV-IND" on JRI, is a one position, user updated field, which will be used to identify those cases in which there is reasonable evidence that domestic violence or child abuse exists and the disclosure of such information could be harmful to the parent or the child of the parent. The FCR will be notified of all cases in which the family violence indicator is set, and in turn, will not release any information regarding the person(s) to the States. This includes all proactive matching as stated above, (FCR to FCR, FCR to NDNH, and NDNH to FCR). In addition, the FCR will not process any requests to the FPLS for persons whose case has been "flagged" with a family violence indicator.

The following points should be considered when entering the Family Violence Indicator on CSMS:

1. For new case openings, districts should include in their initial procedures an advisement to clients of their right to make the CSMS aware of any "safety concerns" which they may have involving themselves or their child for whom they are receiving services for the purposes of annotating the family violence indicator.
2. For existing cases, districts may begin identifying cases for which the family violence indicator should be annotated on CSMS. Such information about domestic violence or child abuse may have been made known to the child support unit by:

The custodial parent.
The domestic violence liaison.
IV-A, MA, IV-E, or other services staff.
The court.

3. Reasonable evidence may include:

Phone calls or written correspondence from custodial parents.
Phone calls or written correspondence from agency staff.
Court orders including orders of protection.
Information recorded on IVDJRR.

The values for the Family Violence Indicator are as follows.

1. Y= Request notification of family violence to the FCR. Manually set only when prior value is blank.
2. V= Family violence indicator sent to the FCR. System set when prior value is "Y". Manually set when prior value is "X".
3. X= Request removal of family violence indicator to the FCR. Manually set only when prior value is "V".
4. Blank= No family violence on case at the FCR. System set when prior value is "X". Manually set when prior value is "Y".

When a case is identified as a family violence case, the local district should enter a "Y" in the FVI field on IVDA1. CSMS will then notify the FCR, during the weekly process, that domestic violence or child abuse exists for the CSMS client and **ALL** associated children for that client. This FVI will then be set to "V". If the family violence indicator should be removed, enter an "X" in the FVI field.

WEEKLY FCR PROCESS

Every Friday night we will send a file to the FCR containing all new eligible cases and any of the following changes which occurred on case/participant information which has previously been sent to the FCR.

1. Changes to the CSMS Case ID, Respondent ID, Client ID and Child Associated ID's when the respondent or client was linked.
2. The names and SSN's are changed on the respondent, client, or child.
3. To add or remove the family violence indicator.
4. When a child is added to a case.
5. Delete a case from the FCR.

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Sincerely,

Richard Spiers, Director
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Office of Child Support Enforcement

Materials

In New York, an FV Indicator may appear on one of two computer screens. The first sample below is the “Case Information” screen. This screen captures an FV Indicator set for a custodial parent or child victim. (The family violence field “FVI” is highlighted.)

The second screen on which an FV Indicator may appear is the “Respondent Information” screen. As its name suggests, the family violence field is set on this screen if the noncustodial parent relays the safety concern. (Again, the family violence field “FV-Ind” is highlighted.)

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IVDCA1 CHILD SUPPORT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM* CASE INFO XX/XX/XX XX:XX:XX
      NASSAU COUNTY CASE ID X:XXXXXXXXXX
ASSOC CASES XX:XX
RSP ID CLI ID CAN CIN CASE STAT
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
DOE, JOHN NAME DOE, JANE CHILD
SSN DOB SEX ETH PHONE SSN DOB SEX ETH PHONE
xxx-xx-xxxx xxxxxxxx X X xxxxxxxxxx xxx-xx-xxxx xxxxxxxx X X xxxxxxxxxx
CO
123 MAIN STREET MAIL 555 SOUTH STREET
ALBANY, NY XXXXXX ADDR ALBANY, NY XXXXX
123 NORTH STREET RES 555 SOUTH STREET
ALBANY, NY XXXXXX ADDR ALBANY, NY XXXXX
CLIENT REQ APP DATE XXXXXXXX DATE APP SENT CLIENT XXXXXXXX
PET-DOC CNTY-CASE-ID XXXXX-XX CASE-PRTY CONVERT-ID
WORKER-CODE XS TICKLER-REAS CASE-TYPE PURGE-IND
CLI-RSP-REL D TICKLER-DT CASE-OPENED XXXXXX GUARD-IND
VOL-PAY-IND A RSP-DEPARTED CSS-APPLCTN GUARD-DT
CNT-SRV-IND T LOC-OPENED ADDED FCR S FVI
TOT-STAT E LOC CLOSED CHANGED FCR-INIT
IVA-CHILD S LOC-REOPENED CLI-NOTICE FCR-UPDT
KEY XMT/PASSOFF
    
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IVDRI1 CHILD SUPPORT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM * RESPONDENT INFO XX/XX/XX XX:XX:XX
      NASSAU COUNTY RSP-ID XXXXXXXX ADDRESS VERIFICATION: MAIL: XX
ASSOC CASE (R) XX:XX RES: XX
RESP CAN XXXXXX__XX SUF CIN DAM-IND FV-IND VER: XX
MAILING ADDRESS RESIDENCE ADDRESS T/D: XX
DOE, JOHN DOE, JOHN
123 MAIN STREET 123 MAIN STREET
ALBANY, NY XXXXXX ALBANY, NY XXXXXX
PATERNITY COURT IVA-STAT XX
SUPPORT COURT IVA-CASE-TYPE XX
DOB XXXXXXXX PAT-IND X TOT-ADDR XXX DATES:
SEX X IEX-LOC-IND X TOT-EMP XXX ADDED XXXXXX
ETH CD X CSE-CAT-IND XX TOT-VER-EMP XXX CHANGED XXXXXX
PHONE XXXXXXXXXXXX MIG-EMP-IND TOT-REMARKS XXX MIGRATED XXXXXX
WORK CD XX U18-IND TOT-CASES X APRRS DT SENT XXXXXX
SSN XXXXXXXXXX APRRS-CD X TOT-ACCTS X WRS ST RECD XXXXXX HIT
ALT SSN XXXXXXXXXX HOLD SSN XXXXXXXXXX U18 DT RECD XXXXXXNO HIT
DMV-CLIENT-ID
DMV-MOTORIST-ID
KEY XMT/PASSOFF
    
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