

OHIO



INDICATOR NAME: Confidential Indicator

SETTING CRITERIA: IV-D--
Good Cause status (TANF)
IV-D & Non IV-D --
Current, valid protection order (or order prohibiting data release)
Child abuse report

ELIGIBLE PEOPLE: People Directly Protected --
All case/order participants (Case-level indicator)

Sends FV Indicator to the FCR
Prevents access to case data by unauthorized staff

DURATION: Indefinite

REMOVAL CRITERIA: Undecided

OVERRIDE: State-specific components not yet developed

Two Ohio policy memoranda appear below. The first memo outlines criteria for setting the State's Confidential Indicator. Both memos also briefly reference the possible override of the Confidential Indicator upon court determination.

George V. Voinovich
Governor



Arnold R. Tompkins
Director

Ohio Department of Human Services
30 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43266-0423

October 14, 1998

TO: All Child Support Enforcement Agency Directors

FROM: Barbara L. Saunders, Acting Deputy Director
Office of Child Support

SUBJECT: **FEDERAL CASE REGISTRY**

This letter is a follow up to the September 20, 1998 letter that advised you of the Federal Case Registry. Action Transmittal Letter OCSE-AT-98-27 was issued by the federal office to provide additional information. A copy of the action transmittal is attached.

It is the responsibility of the CSEA to identify cases that should carry the confidential indicator. The confidential indicator extends protection from the release of information to all case members thro[ugh] the FCR. Cases that carry the confidential indicator should have one or more of the following conditions, including but not limited to:

- (1) A protection order.
- (2) A determination of good cause.
- (3) A report has been made to the child abuse registry.

Even though a case may be marked as confidential, a person can go to a local court and request that information be released. CSEAs may be called upon to provide evidence relative to the confidential case designation. If the court determines that information can be released, the court will submit a request to the OPLS for forwarding to the FPLS. This process is detailed in sections IV through VII of the action transmittal.

BLS:LES
Attachment

Ohio
the best of it

An Equal Opportunity
Employer

George V. Voinovich
Governor



Arnold R. Tompkins
Director

Ohio Department of Human Services
30 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43266-0423

January 19, 1999

TO: All CSEA Directors

FROM: Barbara L. Saunders, Deputy Director
Office of Child Support Enforcement

SUBJECT: Family Violence Indicator Override Process

This letter is a follow up to the October 14, 1998 letter regarding the Federal Case Registry confidential indicator. Dear Colleague letter DC-98-122 was issued by the federal office to provide additional information. A copy of this letter is attached.

Even though a case may be marked as confidential, a person can go to a local court and request that information be released. If your CSEA is in receipt of such a court order, send the order to the Bureau of Direct Services, OPLS -- FV Request. OPLS staff will then follow the steps as outlined in the Dear Colleague letter.

BLS:LES
Attachment

Ohio
the best of it
An Equal Opportunity
Employer

