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Child Support Cooperation



Nearly six million single-parent families are dependent on food stamps, and although child support is one of the best tools for reducing dependency in single-parent families, only one in four children receive any amount of child support. Child support lifts one million kids out of poverty each year. Requiring parents to comply with collection efforts in order to receive food stamps would help reduce poverty and break the cycle of dependency.

Voters support requiring parents to cooperate with child support collection efforts in order to receive food stamps.

What messages really move them? These messages work best.

- ▶ Single-parent families that receive child support payments are **less likely to be on welfare.**
- ▶ Child support payments help **lift one million children out of poverty** each year.
- ▶ Taxpayers could **save up to \$1 billion per year** if every state implemented child support cooperation.
- ▶ Other welfare programs, like Medicaid and cash welfare, **already require parents to cooperate with child support collection efforts.**
- ▶ By enacting child support cooperation, states can **reduce poverty and help break the cycle of dependency.**

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