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Federal Collections & Enforcement Programs

- Offset Tax Returns for TANF
- Passport Denial
- MSFIDM
- Federal Insurance Match

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- Offset Tax Returns for Non-TANF
- Administrative Offset
Case Certification Process

- Department of State (DoS) Passport Denial
- Financial Management Service (FMS) Income Tax Refund Offset Administrative Offset
- Multistate Financial Institutions Data Match (MSFIDM) Federal Insurance Match

TANF

Non-TANF
Passport Denial Submitttal Criteria

When is a case certified to DoS?
- Combined arrears exceed $2,500 (TANF/Non-TANF, Intrastate)
- No exclusion indicator

When is a case removed from Passport Denial?
- Arrears balance falls to zero due to collection or modification
- State IV-D Agency deletes the case
- State IV-D Agency excludes the case

Note: A case is NOT automatically removed if the arrears balance falls below $2,500 (unless balance falls to zero).
Process To Deny A Passport

NCP applies for a passport

DoS denies application

NCP referred to State CSE agency via denial letter from DoS

NCP makes payment arrangement with State CSE agency
Mistaken Identity

Individual must provide:
- DoS Passport Denial Application Letter
- Place of Birth
- Date of Birth
- SSN
- Contact phone number

Individual or State must fax information to the Federal Collections Unit at

(202) 401-5553
Passport Revocation

Applies any time the passport agency/DoS has the passport in hand for:

- Renewal of existing passport
- Adding pages to existing passport
- Repair/reissue damaged passport
- Name change/picture update
- Proof of identification when applying for a passport for a child

Although there is legislation for passport revocation, DoS has no automated mechanism in place to revoke a passport.
PPD Certification/Release Screen

- Offset Tax Returns for TANF
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- MSFIDM
- Daily PPD updates sent to DoS

Timeline:
- 1982
- 1984
- 1998
- 1999
- 2003

Offset Tax Returns for Non-TANF

Administrative Offset
**OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT**

**FEDERAL OFFSET PROCESSING MENU**

Enter SSN and State of Obligor being Certified/Withdrawn and press "Enter".

**COMMAND ===>**

(End/F3 to Exit)

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**Other States Denying Passport ===>** CO,NV

**Type of Action ===>** W (C=Certify for DoS or W=Withdraw from DoS)

**Amount Paid ===>** 11500 (Optional field, round to nearest whole dollar)
Daily updates via electronic submission

- Reduces processing time for updating Passport Denial exclusion indicator
- Reduces paperwork at the State and Federal levels
- Improves customer service by decreasing turnaround time

Used over 700 times per month...over 31,000 times since inception!
DRA: $5,000 → $2,500
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§452(k) of Social Security Act
- Effective October 1, 2006
- Lowered threshold from $5,000 to $2,500

Impact of Passport Denial Change
- Certified 400,000 more obligors to DoS
- Added $1.5 billion in child support debt to the Passport Denial program Effective January 23, 2007
Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative
Phase I

- Daily PPD updates sent to DoS
- Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 signed into law
- PPD threshold lowered to $2,500

2003 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008+

Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative Phase I
Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative

Phase I

Effective January 23, 2007

Passport required for all **AIR** travel to or from:

- Canada
- Mexico
- Central & South America
- Caribbean
- Bermuda
Passport Denial Statistics

- 2007 best PPD collection year: $40.7 million!
- Collections since program inception: $146 million (as of August 2008)
- Largest reported lump sum payment:
  - to date: $311,491
  - in 2008: $266,000

Success Stories
Limited Validity Passports

Issued to NCP’s returning to the U.S.
- By U.S. Embassies and Consulates
- For 3 days to 3 months
- All U.S. citizens entitled to return to U.S.

U.S. Embassy provides to OCSE (if known):
- Itinerary
- Address
- Passport issuance timeframe
Limited Validity Passports

OCSE provides information to the State

State takes action

- Meet NCP upon re-entry to U.S.
- Federal warrant
- Refer to Project Save Our Children (PSOC)
- Locate
- MSFIDM
U.S. Embassy Releases

State sends:

- Exact name/location of the American consulate/embassy
- Agent’s name (if known)
- Embassy/consulate fax number (if known)
DRA: Non-Minor Child Provision

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- Non-TANF Non-Minor Child Exemption removed

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DRA: Non-Minor Child Provision

Non-Minor Child/Non-TANF Case Provision

- §464(c) of Social Security Act
- Effective October 1, 2007
- Allows tax refund offset for past-due support owed to any child, whether or not a minor

Tax Offset Impact

- Additional 900,000 cases certified to the Federal Collections system for tax refund offset
- Added $10.5 billion in child support debt
DRA: Non-Minor Child Provision

Passport Denial Impact

- Additional 288,000 cases to the Passport Denial Program
  - 4.4 M cases total certified to DoS
- Added $11.5 billion in child support debt
  - 94.7B collectively
- $21,600 average amount owed for NCP’s at DoS
Passport Card

- Daily PPD Updates sent to DoS
- Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 signed into law
- PPD threshold lowered to $2,500
- Non-TANF Non-Minor Child Exemption removed

Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative Phase I

Passport Card introduced
The U.S. Passport Card

- DoS began production on July 14, 2008
- Not for travel by air
- Valid for land and sea crossings between the U.S. and Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Caribbean only
- Subject to same adjudication as the book passport
- Validity:
  - 10 years for adults and 5 years for minors
- Wallet size
WHTI Phase II

- Daily PPD Updates sent to DoS
- Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 signed into law
- PPD threshold lowered to $2,500
- Non-TANF Non-Minor Child Exemption removed

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Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative Phase I
Passport Card introduced
Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative Phase II
2008 and Beyond

Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative
Phase II

- Effective June 1, 2009
- Applies to all sea (cruise & ferry) and land border travel

PAID

- Zero tolerance passport denial policy
- Paid Update #11
Passport Denial Timeline

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DoS WEBSITE INFORMATION

http://www.travel.state.gov/

- Passport Agencies
- National Passport Information Center (NPIC) 1-877-4USA (1-877-487-2778)
- WHTI
- FAQ’s
- Passport Card
- Children’s Issues
OUTREACH

Monthly State CSE conference calls

Federal Offset User Guide: 
http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cse/newhire/library/fop/fop.htm

E-Flash Bulletins

For State and local assistance please contact:
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Thank You

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