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Office of Child Support Services
Attention: Director of Policy and Training
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RE: NPRM for Employment and Training Services for Noncustodial Parents in the Child Support Program (89 FR 47109)

The Indiana Child Support Bureau respectfully submits our comments in response to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) regarding employment and training services for noncustodial parents in the child support program.

The Indiana Child Support Bureau supports the expansion of optional services for which state Title IV-D agencies may claim federal financial participation. Optional employment and training services will provide states the opportunity to assist eligible noncustodial parents in overcoming their employment challenges. Increasing the economic stability of noncustodial parents will further the goals of the Title IV-D program to ensure children are financially supported by both parents.

The Indiana Child Support Bureau would also like clarification regarding the use of Title IV-D incentive funds for employment and training services. Incentive funds may be used to “carry out the State plan...” (42 U.S. Code § 658a(f)). The proposed rule would add employment and training services under the State Plan provisions contained in 45 CFR § 302. Therefore, Indiana would like clarification regarding the use of Title IV-D incentive funds for the employment and training services outlined in the NPRM.

We appreciate the efforts of OCSS in drafting these proposed rule changes and in reviewing these comments.

Sincerely,

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