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Use of Child Support Incentives

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) allowed CSEAs to use federal incentive payments as the local share of IV-D expenditures for the time period October 1, 2008 - September 30, 2010. The change applied to incentive funds expended during FFY 2009 and FFY 2010.

Effective Friday, October 1, 2010, the authority granted under that Act expired and therefore, counties can no longer use Child Support Incentives as the local share of IV-D expenditures. Therefore, effective with the October 1, 2010 reporting period, when reporting IV-D expenditures in CFIS, the CSEA will no longer have the option of choosing:

IV-D Stimulus Expenditures @ 66%
Incentives @ 34%

Instead, CFIS will revert back to the reporting methodology used in FFY08; if a CSEA chooses to use CS incentives for IV-D expenditures, they will choose:

Incentives @100%

The expenditures will not split, but will be reported at 100% to CSEA Incentives.

If a change in federal legislation extends authority to use child support incentives as the local share, BCFTA will issue guidance on the use of the funds and the ability for a CSEA to make adjustments to previously reported expenditures.

Please contact your ODJFS Fiscal Supervisor if you have any further questions.