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Dear

The Department of Child Services, Child Support Bureau has identified your financial institution as currently not participating in the Financial Institution Data Match (FIDM) program in Indiana.

BACKGROUND

Federal Requirement: The Personal Responsibility and Work Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA), 42 U.S.C. §666(a)(17) was enacted to bring about a comprehensive plan for change in the nation's welfare system. One component of PRWORA was to improve the collection of child support through a data match system with financial institutions. The FIDM legislation and standard data specifications were the result of a federal workgroup comprised of individuals from the child support community, private industry and the financial community.

State Requirement: Supporting legislation in Indiana, per Indiana Statute 31-25-4-31, requires the Child Support Bureau to enter into agreements with financial institutions for the purpose of identifying the accounts of delinquent obligors. The data match system enables financial institutions to provide requested information to the Child Support Bureau on a quarterly basis and in an automated fashion. To meet the requirements of data matching, the Child Support Bureau has contracted with Informatix, Inc. to conduct the FIDM program.

We have enclosed the Financial Institution Data Match (FIDM) brochure to provide you with general information about the FIDM program and processes. This brochure also contains information regarding a website and hotline where you may obtain supplementary information and download additional forms. In addition, we have included with this letter an agreement that outlines the purpose and additional terms regarding the process, including your institution's choice regarding match method and media type. This agreement and the attachments to the agreement (and all future revised attachments to the agreement) are to be returned to the following address.



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A great deal of effort has gone into designing a data match approach that will be simple and efficient. Indiana is working with a multi-state consortium (the FIDM Alliance) to administer the financial institution data match program. The FIDM Alliance has contracted with Informatix, Inc. to perform the data match service. Please note that all **data and match results** will need to be transmitted as described in the accompanying materials.

As you may be aware, under state and federal law, financial institutions cannot be held liable for release of a financial record to state child support enforcement agencies. Additional information regarding these statutes can be accessed through the FIDM website, [HTTP://fidm.statedatamatch.com](http://fidm.statedatamatch.com). The Federal approved data specification handbook is also included with this mailing.

The Child Support Bureau appreciates your involvement in this worthwhile cause and looks forward to a successful implementation of a process that will greatly benefit the children of Indiana. Questions regarding the agreement may be directed to Cindy Ingalls with the Child Support Bureau at 317-232-7981, email address: Cindy.Ingalls@dcs.IN.gov. Questions regarding the FIDM program may be directed to Informatix, Inc, at (877) 965-3436 (FIDM)

Sincerely,

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Enclosures