

THE PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

This *Interface Guidance Document* (IGD) is intended to assist states with developing, maintaining, and fully utilizing the CSENet 2000 Application Suite to conduct child support enforcement business activities. Additionally, the IGD is a resource tool that states will find helpful with completing programming on the statewide system in order to meet state system certification requirements.

This document will:

- Provide an overview of the OCSE Network and CSENet 2000 Application Suite;
- Explain the network architecture;
- Describe the CSENet 2000 Application Suite and state interfaces;
- Explain the transaction structure and provide technical guidance for sending and receiving data;
- Provide functional guidance and automated triggers to improve data quality and make efficient use of information; and
- Incorporate numerous appendices that provide information on data elements, business usage, error codes, resource tools, and examples to assist states in making full use of automated data exchange.

This document is divided into eight sections and contains 15 appendices. The IGD is available in the Library on the OCSE Web site. The following descriptions provide a summary of the information contained in each section.

Section 1.0: *OCSE Network and CSENet 2000 Application Suite Overview* provides a brief overview of the network and the application suite. This section also highlights the laws impacting the CSE program and state CSE systems, the benefits of using electronic transfer for interstate case processing, and the support that CSENet provides to the Federal Parent Locator Service (FPLS) automated process.

Section 2.0: *OCSE Network Architecture* provides a description of the network architecture and its components, as well as compatibility with state CSE systems, testing, and security features.

Section 3.0: *CSENet 2000 Application Suite* explains the five software applications and two services that work together to provide child support information and processing. This section also describes the software management techniques used by CSENet, state data sets, testing tools available to states, and the Interstate Roster and Referral Guide (IRG) software.

Section 4.0: *Integrating CSENet 2000 in a State CSE System* describes high-level system implementation tasks to be considered by states. This section also identifies tools and resources that are available to states for testing their CSENet functionality.

Section 5.0: *Transaction Structure* describes the overall structure and classification (transaction type) of a CSENet transaction. It also discusses the requirements necessary to communicate a valid transaction.

Section 6.0: *Transaction Functional and Business Usage* provides a description of the functional and business usage associated with building and processing transactions. It also explains triggers and provides examples of how states can increase automation.

Section 7.0: *Management Information Reports* explains the design and usefulness of the reports to the CSENet 2000 user community and OCSE.

Section 8.0: *Technical Support for States* describes the technical and functional support available to states.