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# The Blueprint

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## May 2023 FRPN Webinar - Presenter Slides & Recording Available

On May 16, FRPN held a webinar with 75 attendees entitled Architects of Father Policies and Program Discuss How it is Done.

Webinar panelists included:

- Larry Desbien, Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Child Support Services, Director
- Kimberly Dent, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Ohio Commission on Fatherhood, Executive Director
- Pat Littlejohn, South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families, Former President
- Brooke Vice, Oregon Department of Corrections, Community Corrections Administrator

[Watch the recording and download the presenter slides.](#)



## FRPN in the News

On May 22, 2023, Jessica Pearson appeared on Wisconsin Public Radio to provide a national perspective on fatherhood policy in connection with a Wisconsin Statewide Fatherhood Needs Assessment conducted by the UW-Madison Division of Extension. [Listen to the interview.](#)

On May 6, 2023, Jessica Pearson discussed child support and fatherhood on the I AM DAD podcast conducted by Kenny Braswell. [Listen to the interview.](#)

## Recent Publications

Meyer, D. R., & Riser, Q. H. (2023). [Slowing the 'vicious cycle': Reducing the interest rate on child support arrears.](#) *Children and Youth Services Review*, 144, 106712.

This comparison of child support payments and arrears balances in Wisconsin, before and after the state reduced the interest rate it charges on unpaid child support from 12 to 6 percent per year, found that the reduction slowed the growth of child support arrears and improved payments made by noncustodial parents. According to FRPN's *Policies and Programs Affecting Fathers: A State-by-State Report* ([Chapter 2](#), Table 2), 24 states and the District of Columbia do not charge or collect any interest on unpaid child support, while 26 states impose interest charges that range from 2 percent to 12 percent per year or are based on market factors.

Ascend at the Aspen Institute and Good + Foundation have published two new child support policy fact sheets as part of their Centering Child Well-Being in Child Support Policy series. [Supporting healthy co-parenting](#) focuses on a two-generation holistic approach to family-centered child support. [Providing equal access to justice](#) discusses incorporating family-centered policies, process, and services to increase equal access to justice in the child support program.

On June 5, 2023, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families changed the name of the Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) to the [Office of Child Support Services \(OCSS\)](#). The name change reflects the program's commitment to serving and supporting the whole family.

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