



## PRISM — Child support enforcement and collection

### Purpose

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PRISM is a federally mandated computer system that supports the mission of Minnesota’s child support enforcement program: “To benefit children through establishing paternity, establishing and modifying support orders, collecting support and promoting the means to do so.”

### Significance

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PRISM supports service to 345,946 custodial and noncustodial parents and their 239,540 children within Minnesota and across the nation. Child support collected and disbursed \$580.6 million in federal fiscal year 2017.

### Who benefits

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- Children, through a stable standard of living
- Taxpayers, through reduced use of public assistance
- DHS business associates and counties, through improved technology that helps staff do their jobs
- The Legislature, through uniform application of laws
- DHS and federal program staff, through updated technology that provides better information for child support program management.

### Program area

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Children and Family Services

### Programs supported

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PRISM supports Minnesota’s child support enforcement program. PRISM identifies cases where there are Medical Assistance, Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) assistance or Child Care Assistance costs. This allows the state to identify child support payments where reimbursement of public assistance costs is appropriate.

### Number of users

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4,914 in federal fiscal year 2017

## Who uses it

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States, counties and tribes

## Planning

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DHS is moving forward with implementing its vision for an Integrated Human Services Delivery System and Enterprise Systems Modernization. The underlying technology selected as part of modernization projects will have an impact on this system.

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