



CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

No Hiding Place for Non-Custodial Parents

The task of tracking down delinquent parents is not the long, drawn-out nightmare it once was. Child support enforcement workers are finding the people they're looking for by simply going online. State and local agencies have turned to a Kentucky-based technology company to provide them with a valuable source of information.

The Kentucky Division of Child Support turned to Appriss' product known as JusticeXchange in its search for non-custodial parents (NCP). JusticeXchange is the integrated criminal justice portal to OffenderNet, the nation's largest database of historical and currently incarcerated booking records and photos from thousands of agencies across the country. The results have been promising. On average, the department locates more than 125 parents through JusticeXchange each month. Staff recently reported a match between a NCP in a Kentucky jail to an Indiana child support case in which more than \$15,000 was owed. Indiana authorities

were notified and the offender was extradited across state lines to answer to the charges.

Another NCP was located in a county jail on a charge unrelated to child support. Staff discovered that the individual owed more than \$38,000 in back child support in two cases originating in Maryland.

Krista Hackworth, a Magoffin County, Kentucky child support specialist, was seeking two individuals who had fallen months behind in their child support payments. Hackworth placed a watch on both and was notified when the two were arrested.

"This allowed me to get the needed information on delinquent child support to the judges that would preside over their cases," said Hackworth. "JusticeXchange has been a great benefit to my office as we would not have found some people if not for this program."

