

CONFUSED? COMMON TERMS USED IN ILLINOIS CHILD SUPPORT

CIRCUIT COURTS (JUDICIAL ORDERS)

- Judicial orders are created and entered by a judge in circuit courts.
- A modification is the only way to change a court order.
- A \$36 fee is assessed annually per order, which is paid to the Circuit Clerk and does not apply to case balance.
- Having this type of order does not automatically mean you have a case with Illinois HFS-DCSS.



STATE DISBURSEMENT UNIT (SDU)

- Collects and distributes child support payments made by income withholding.
- Payments can also be made directly to the SDU by the payor.
- SDU keeps track of payments made, not the balances owed.
- SDU does not issue or modify orders.
- Making payments through the SDU does not automatically mean you have a case with IL HFS-DCSS.



IL HFS-DCSS DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

- A **free** program to provide child support services to all families.
- DCSS can create administrative orders, establish paternity, administratively enforce judicial and administrative orders, assist with medical insurance modifications and collect past due balances.
- DCSS **does** keep track of balances to determine any past child support due.
- Visit **CHILDSUPPORT.ILLINOIS.GOV** to enroll in our **free** services.

