

2012 Wayne County Child Support Program Report

The Wayne County Child Support Program continues its efforts to ensure that children receive the emotional and financial support of both parents. Wayne County has the largest child support caseload and largest paternity caseload in the state. Working with parents, service organizations, and community representatives and leaders, we can ensure the brightest future for Wayne County children and families.

Caseload: 320,526

Staffing:

- Judges: 12
- Referees: 11
- Other: 191

New paternity cases initiated: 8,891

Number of Parenting Time Hearings: 5,778

Number of Show Cause Hearings Schedule: 18,899

Total Child Support Collections: \$300,638,464. 23

Program Highlights

- The Friend of the Court has continued its efforts to help payers overcome barriers to paying their obligated child support through the POWER Court. POWER stands for Providing Opportunities for Work, Education, and Respect. The assigned referee and staff help participants secure educational, training, and employment resources. In January 2013, there were 152 active cases on this docket.
- Over 450 people received free legal assistant at the Salvation Army's William Booth Legal Service Clinic held monthly at the Court.
- The Friend of the Court continues its community public education efforts working with the Veteran population, the Detroit Public Library, Wayne County Head Start, and other community agencies.
- The Friend of the Court volunteered to participate in a statewide pilot project offering relief on state owed arrearages for hardship. The pilot begins in 2013.



For more information: <https://www.3rdcc.org/FamilyDomestic.aspx>