Child support and SNAP interactions

• Our estimates from Current Population Survey data suggest that 1 in 5 noncustodial parents who report paying child support could qualify for SNAP if every state used the child support income exclusion.

• Without BBCE and the CSIE, participation in SNAP by child support paying noncustodial parents declines to about 15%.

• SNAP benefits help noncustodial parents afford to pay child support.

• On-time child support payments reduces state costs associated with collection and improves child outcomes.