Dual Debtors: Child Support and Other Programs

• Criminal justice involvement as barrier to child support compliance
• “Pile-on” effects of multiple debts, increased social and economic strain
  – Driver’s license suspensions
• Comparative salience and assessments of fairness of each type of debt
• Lack of understanding of state-initiated (i.e. public assistance) child support cases
  – Blame and hostility toward support obligee