

# Custodial Family Consistency

- Single mothers with no earnings can expect
  - about a two-thirds less total income,
  - less child support income,
  - more public assistance, and
  - more help from others.
- Help from others is larger when there is no child support income, public assistance is about the same
- Child support income lowers custodial income volatility, but noncustodial parents who provide time and in-kind support have little effect on volatility.