



## Interstate Data Exchange Consortium

# The Finder

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Dear Colleague,

With previous "Finder" authors submitting excellent informative articles making Child Support Staff in member and non-member states aware of the value of the Interstate Data Exchange Consortium (IDEC) it is becoming increasingly difficult to point out advantages of becoming a full or limited IDEC member without sounding repetitive.

Member states are already fully aware of the advantages of the Parent Locate database, the FIDM component and the AEI (Automated Enforcement of Interstate cases) application. Individual contact of **member state child support staff** with **non-member state child support staff** continues to prove there is enormous interest in the IDEC network on a case worker level. The toughest part of marketing IDEC to Non-member states is making their upper management realize the value of the individual components, parent Locate, FIDM and AEI and obtain a commitment to a full or limited membership. Just simple comparisons with another "locate" tool might show the advantages of the IDEC parent locate component. Example, a CSENET locate request was generated to state XXXXX on date XXXXX. No mailing address or employment data was found on the receiving state's automated Child Support data base.



The request ran against their database for 30 days and no data was found. After the 30 days, an "unable to locate" response to the requesting state was generated. All this meant was the individual that the requesting state tried to locate did not have an active child support case on the receiving state's system, while our NCP was actually working and living in the receiving state.

You just lost thirty days of your time set by state and federal guide lines that you have to enforce a case. Thirty days in which you easily could have enforced your case utilizing one or more of the IDEC components.

The IDEC parent locate component data base records on the other hand are not based on a state's child support system case records. The shared data base is comprised of various types of data submitted by member states. Most locate component member states submit records such as DMV, food stamp, UI, Correctional records and various types of wage records. The database now contains more than 300 million records and can be accessed 24 hours per day with records at

your fingertips in seconds after initiating a search. The locate database can save a child support worker valuable time when enforcing a case across state lines.

Given the current economic situation and a sharp rise in unemployment, due to extensive lay-offs by small, medium and large companies across the nation, there potentially will be a tremendous increase in child support obligation delinquencies.

Having an established network at your disposal that not only can locate a non-custodial parent but also can aid you in locating a delinquent obligor's assets through IDEC's Financial Institution Data Match (FIDM) component now has become an extremely valuable tool for child support staff, giving them the opportunity to possibly generate an account match with over 4000 financial institutions in 15 member states. The AEI (Automated Enforcement of Interstate cases) component then allows member states to act on their FIDM matches that they have made across (member) state lines and submit freeze and seize requests through a secure website.

With states being faced with budget cuts in the upcoming fiscal year, they will attempt to find cost effective ways to continue to maintain the level of service which child support agencies currently provide to clients.

The IDEC consortium will provide states with the cost effective solution they are looking for. The individual components will allow states to continue to locate individuals across state lines, make FIDM matches within the network and freeze and seize assets within this network.

Having additional states join the consortium will force joining and member states' costs down even further, at the same time increasing the reach of the network.

We hope child support colleagues will take a close look at what the consortium has to offer your state as a full member or a limited partner.

Sincerely,

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Kentucky, Louisiana, New Mexico,  
North Carolina, Oklahoma,  
Pennsylvania, South Carolina,  
South Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia,  
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