

Resolution authorizing the Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency to Offer a Letter in Support to MDRC, Inc., for the Procedural Justice Informed Alternatives to Contempt Evaluation Grant. (Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency)

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency has been chosen as a site for several grants in the past five years including, BIAS (Behavioral Interventions to Advance Self-Sufficiency) which tested the impact of various forms of payment reminders on the child support payments, BICS (Behavioral Interventions in Child Support) which is testing the impact of modifying various child-support processes on the level of client participation in the child support review and adjustment program and the Families Forward Demonstration Grant, which tests the efficacy of incorporating in-demand occupational skills training and job placement services on the level and frequency of child support payments; and

WHEREAS, MDRC, Inc. has been the research firm that has directed each of these grant funded activities; and

WHEREAS, MDRC, Inc. designs promising new interventions, evaluates existing programs using the highest research standards, and provides technical assistance to build better programs and deliver effective interventions at scale. MDRC, Inc. works as an intermediary, bringing together public and private funders to test new policy-relevant ideas, and communicates what is learned to policymakers and practitioners — all with the goal of improving the lives of low-income individuals, families, and children; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency is applying to be a site to participate in the Procedural Justice Informed Alternatives to Contempt Grant to add to the body of research that informs best practices for the child support program both locally and nationally; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement will be evaluating submissions for both grants simultaneously; and

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WHEREAS, the prior collaborations between MDRC, Inc. and Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency have been mutually beneficial and the research findings to date have been beneficial to the citizens of Franklin County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

1. That the Franklin County Administrator, on behalf of the Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency, is hereby authorized to author and submit a letter in support of MDRC, Inc.'s application as the Evaluator for the Procedural Justice Informed Alternatives to Contempt Grant.

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Franklin County Board of Commissioners
Franklin County Child Support Enforcement Agency