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Deadbeat parents may lose Indiana licenses

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana could soon start taking something besides money from the wallets of deadbeat parents.

Noncustodial parents who owe at least \$25,000 in child support and have not made payments for at least one year could have their driver's, hunting and fishing licenses suspended under a new program announced Monday by Gov. Mitch Daniels.

"We're saying to those who are not doing their duty by their children, a duty a court ordered them to do, please come and get started," Daniels said at a Statehouse news conference.

"We don't want to take anybody's license ... but if you won't do your duty, then certain privileges the state confers ought not be yours until you start doing your duty," said the governor.

Initially, it will be tried in Marion, Lake, Allen and St. Joseph counties along with Vanderburgh, Tippecanoe, Monroe and Kosciusko counties. About 4,000 delinquent parents currently meet the criteria for suspension in those eight counties, Daniels said. The rest of the state's 92 counties will come aboard soon, he said.

The suspensions would not be automatic, nor would delinquent parents have to make full payment to avoid the suspensions, Daniels said. The prosecutor's office in each county will administer the suspension process, which will include a series of notifications and a 60-day period for response, and will be flexible in helping people set up payment schedules.

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Posted: Oct 21 2008 7:32 am

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- [Subject: Re: Deadbeat parents may lose Indiana ...](#)
 Joined: Feb 09 2008
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 \$25,000 behind?! Any amount behind is absolutely unacceptable! Take away their licenses if they're behind \$100! Maybe then they'll realize that their children are the most important thing!
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- Dot O'Malley
 Posted: Oct 21 2008 8:24 am
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 Joined: Mar 05 2008
 Posts: 2
 Does the non-custodial parent realize the undue stress he/she causes when withholding support payments from their child because he/she is angry with the custodial parent? Is it fair to the child? Does the non-custodial parent care? NO!!!! because if they did, they would not act like a child themselves, suck it up, make the support payment for the child. 9 times out of 10, it's the mother that is the custodial parent, and we all know that society does not pay females the same wages as males and that support payment is definitely needed to keep a roof over the child's head, to keep the child fed, clothed - all of it. Taking away a driver's license is going to prove what? Nothing because then the non-custodial parent will use the excuse that he/she can't get to work without a license. Save a lot of hassle and just put a wage attachment for support on the non-custodial parent's paycheck or unemployment check or disability check. Make it a law that this is how support payments will be made. Will make life easier on the child if there is money coming in each week!
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- John Milton
 Posted: Oct 21 2008 8:26 am
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 Joined: Nov 28 2007
 Posts: 61
 I agree w/ Jessica on the importance of supporting one's children & the \$25K figure is too high of a figure, but she lost me on the 100 bucks (not realistic). I'm afraid we would need to hire hundreds of more bureaucrats to handle the case loads. Perhaps a more realistic figure would / should be \$2500?
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- Robin Goins
 Posted: Oct 21 2008 8:55 am
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 Joined: Sep 02 2008
 Posts: 3
 I wonder how long it will take Dorothy Snyder to sue the state after her husband loses his and she has to shuttle him around. I'm sure there will be some sort of suffering on her behalf.
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- michigonian
 Posted: Oct 21 2008 8:57 am
[Subject: Re: Deadbeat parents may lose Indiana ...](#)
 Joined: Feb 20 2008
 Posts: 868
 While I am not nor have ?i ever been a non supporting parent...I have a comment about this....
 THIS move will give people what they needed all alopng anyway...the urge to just drive without a drivers license anyway,...and they'll also decide to hunt or fish without those licenses...and according to My estimate of non supportiung fathers...there'll be way too many for the law to deal with in all those categories.
 And its just as well..we have way too much paperwork and fees and licenses anyway. I thought long ago that everyone should just stop renewing their drivers licenses..and in time it would go away.
 I know not everyone agrees with this..but there are way too many fees and requirements anymore. It cost me hundreds to plate my car each year...and I have two...and if I don;t plate it..its illegal to even PARK on private property...thats insane.
 When a person is out of work..ALL fees..utilities...and other costs he ensues should be legally automatically...cut in HALF until he is able to find work again.
 Bill collectors want their money no matter what come hell or high water..and its

just not possible during times like these.

If you don't have it..you just don't have it.

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Tracey Nickels

Posted: Oct 21 2008 9:19 am
Subject: Re: Deadbeat parents may lose Indiana ...

Joined: Jan 01
2008
Posts: 18

You go Mitch! But realize this was done once before and it did not succeed because these parents that are absent from the home and need to pay child support will need to use their vehicles to get to work so then the problems are they don't go to work, so they don't earn money, so they can't pay child support. This was discontinued once before in the late 80's or early 90's when the Governor tried to do the same thing and it did not work for these. Your gone have to find a better method. Why not treat them like we treat the sex offenders. Deadbeat parents list if you don't pay, don't pass go and go to jail. They would have pay money to get out of jail so therefore make the stakes higher if they want out of jail. And tell them in advance when there is this issue with child support that this could happen. Verse just paying the bail/bond you also need to pay child support within that or you don't go anywhere. I say this as a student in the Social Work Department at ISU. To many deadbeat parents are sitting getting by with this and it needs stop. But this is not going to be the alternative.

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Terri Willis

Posted: Oct 21 2008 9:21 am
Subject: Re: Deadbeat parents may lose Indiana ...

Joined: Sep 04
2008
Posts: 1

I just don't understand!?! Why threaten to take the driver's license? My best friend is dealing with this stuff now. The judge suspended the baby's daddy's license over a year ago for not paying child support, he's been thrown in jail, and he is still driving around...guess losing a license didn't phase him, and he STILL is not paying my bff child support. I think its a waste of time for the license to be taken away...they will still drive illegally. Why not HOUSE ARREST?!?!?! until they get some of it paid down? My bff has dealt with alot of crap...all becuz HE wanted visitation...now HE can't pay any money towards HIS son?!?!? Maybe we need to have a DEADBEAT DAD LIST just like we have a Sex Offender Registry? Would this help? I STRONGLY believe that we need to make a stand for the parents that break their backs EVERY day to support their child, and the other parent sits and does nothing....HOW TRULY SAD...

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G. K.

Posted: Oct 21 2008 9:41 am
Subject: Re: Deadbeat parents may lose Indiana ...

Joined: Sep 23
2008
Posts: 46

I understand that they need to make these deadbeats step up and take responsibility. I also understand if they are that far behind then they could care less about the repercussions. However, taking their license away from them seems like the state is saying, "Well you have to figure out how to get to a job so you can pay up." There has got to be a better solution. People still drive without a license, people still fish with out a license. If these people get caught still driving or fishing illegally, then they get fined and or thrown in jail, do you think they will actually pay the fines? Piling more debt on a person isnt going to help. Maybe a program that put these deadbeats in a workrelease type supervision. Lock them up but use them to do projects and work that the state needs. Pay them but take the money and give it to the children. Never let them see a cent but keep them working somewhere. Like a chain gang. Given that St. Joe county is cutting jobs and workers due to bedget issues. If your going to lock these people up, which costs up to \$30,000 grand a year to do so, why not just put them to work. Putting a deadbeat in prison does not allow the child to be compensated at all. It only racks the debt up higher and makes it more impossible to pay off. Granted it should not have even gotten that far, but this is the owrld we live in. People are irresponsible. The state needs to come up with a solution to keep these idiots in check and working, earning income steadily so they can reduce and get rid of their debt.

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Dianne Shevetz

Posted: Oct 21 2008 10:07 am
Subject: Re: Deadbeat parents may lose Indiana ...

Joined: May 20
2008
Posts: 43

If there are over 4,000 people who owe that much in child support in just those few counties; how many are there that owe less in the same counties. Sounds like no solutions are working at this rate. Having the DNR check for deadbeats via fishing and hunting licenses is just going to cost the taxpayers more money.

To Mitch Daniels, \$25,000 sounds like a reasonable starting point because he has money. No one will ever catch up to pay off \$25K while paying current child support and without a driver's license to get to work. Daniels needs to get in touch with reality and he must have bad advisers.

Has anyone tried garnishing paychecks that go straight to the courthouse and when they are not received, go after the person. Do not even wait for \$2,500 dollars to accumulate.

We used to have a city beat in this town where one could read about the traffic violations, other misdemeanors, fines, etc. The Tribune should start this again and put pictures of these people in the Tribune, perhaps some public humility might help. And scolding by one's peers is another place to start.

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Angela Brant

Posted: Oct 21 2008 10:11 am
Subject: Re: Deadbeat parents may lose Indiana ...

Joined: Jan 25
2008
Posts: 26

Does this mean that famous deadbeat dad in Roseland is in danger of losing his license?

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J M

Posted: Oct 21 2008 10:16 am
Subject: Re: Deadbeat parents may lose Indiana ...

Joined: Jul 26
2008
Posts: 57

I dont think some of you are looking at the big picture here. Being behind \$25,000 in child support means that they probably aren't going to pay it anyway, with or without a drivers license. It is also a CIVIL MATTER. At least if they take away their licenses, when they get caught they will have to pay something which also turns it into a CRIMINAL MATTER. Meaning if the Police pull them over and they dont have a valid drivers license they go to jail, receive a citation and have their vehicle impounded. What people dont realize is that not paying child support is not a CRIMINAL offense it is CIVIL and you dont go to jail for CIVIL matters. Not paying child support could fall under contempt of court but would only allow a short jail stay. It is a way to get these deadbeats into the CRIMINAL system. Eventually if they get pulled over enough without a drivers license then it can turn into a PRISON sentence. I think it's a start in the right direction.

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J M

Posted: Oct 21 2008 10:19 am
Subject: Re: Deadbeat parents may lose Indiana ...

Joined: Jul 26
2008
Posts: 57

The only problem I see with this program is that all you have to do is make one payment a year to maintain your licenses.

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michigonian

Posted: Oct 21 2008 10:33 am
Subject: Re: Deadbeat parents may lose Indiana ...

Joined: Feb 20
2008
Posts: 868

People have been tricked. Its very difficult for a parent to pay his or her utilities and rent and buy gas and eat and live and still have to fork out 25% of one's earnings..although I completely agree no child should not have support.

Incomes today are deisgned to be PART of TWO incomes...and thats how most families survive...on those TWO incomes...but when a breakup occurs...then suddenly TWO different sets of bills rear their heads...and that alone takes away most of the TWO incomes that the two people once shared and paid the family bills with.

I know many women say they don't CARE how it gets done..as long as its done..but the truth is..its just barely possible anymore. A man who pays child support ought to be paid a wage that allows him to DO so..and still have at least a MINIMAL kind of life..himself.

And thats not so.

It's strange how you can wake up today...and the price of gas has gone up..without anyone asking if YOU can afford it..or the price of bread..or the price of the gas used to heat your home...these things can go up in price anytime they need to... WITHOUT YOUR PERMISSION..but your wage is carefully controlled. And always has been.

Why not have it so that when something goes up..YOUR WAGE goes up a little autoatically to keep up with it.

No they'd never have THAT now would they...

what do you think.... of a system that can raise prices in several different areas when ever it feels the "need" to do so..but you... the wage earner....have to fight tooth and nail to get a little wage increase even every FEW years?

We've all been had...tricked. WE are the backbone of this economy..and if we're going to take care of "THEM" all the time so well..we deserve to be taken care of at least decently also.

Child support? Its no wonder so many men don't pay it...if they did..there'd be little if anything left for them. I'm not saying its right ..not at ALL..I was raised by a single mother..there were SIX children..and it was pure hell...poverty and ignorance led the way...just like the rich wanted it. They NEED hamburger flippers...ditch diggers...UNDERLINGS.

We ned to start looking closer..at those who "lead" us and use OUR tax dollars to do so...we absolutely need a little better redistribution of the wealth.

Losing homes; hunger; joblessness; bills that EXCEED our paychecks...while those who lead us have everything all the time..somethings not right with that.

Does anyone agree?

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michigonian

Joined: Feb 20 2008
Posts: 868

Posted: Oct 21 2008 10:43 am
Subject: Re: Deadbeat parents may lose Indiana ...

Besides..WHERE are the JOBS these non supportive fathers are supposed to work at to PAY this child support?

Oh thats right..they all going to China and India..

I wonder how many men are in arrears in each state..and by how much?

I wonder how bad the problem is nation wide and why the leaders do not feel this is a top priority problem? We always TALK about no child left behind blah blah blah..but then... we leave them behind.

Most city government systems..work the hardest at getting as much money as they can..into THEIR pockets..not the peoples.

There should be NO fee downtown for non suportive fathers or mothers to file or anything like that..every single dollar brought IN..should go straight to the children.

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sportymom89

Joined: Apr 21 2008
Posts: 47

Posted: Oct 21 2008 10:49 am
Subject: Re: Deadbeat parents may lose Indiana ...

THIS PROBLEM HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR 50 PLUS YEARS NOW IT ONLY IS SO BAD BECAUSE THE POPULATION IS SO HUGE. AND THE POPULATION IS MAINLY WITH UNWED MOTHERS WHO MAKE BABIES WITH ANY THUG OUT THERE. NO MORALS, NO RESPECT FOR THEMSELVES, JUST BE COOL AND HAVE SEX. KIDS AS YOUNG AS 17 ALREADY HAVE 2 KIDS. IF GROWN MEN CANT/WONT PAY FOR KIDS DO YOU REALLY THINK A KID THAT QUIT SCHOOL OUT GANG BANGING

STEALING AND DEALING AND KILLING IS GOING TO EVEN THINK OF PAYING SUPPORT NOPE JUST MESSING AROUND SOMEMORE TO MAKE ANOTHER ONE... GET THESE KIDS BACK ON TRACK. TO STOP THE UNWANTED PREGNANCY... HELLO THIS MEANS PARENTS TEACH YOUR KIDS !!!!!

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sportmom89

Posted: Oct 21 2008 10:49 am
Subject: Re: Deadbeat parents may lose Indiana ...

Joined: Apr 21 2008
Posts: 47

IF YOU TAKE THEIR LICENSE AWAY THEY CANT GO TO WORK (FOR THOSE WHO AT LEAST WANT TO TRY)

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WeebleWobble

Posted: Oct 21 2008 11:23 am
Subject: Re: Deadbeat parents may lose Indiana ...



Joined: Apr 01 2008
Posts: 79

Hey Mitch, you are headed in the right direction you're just taking the wrong shortcut. I gurantee if you pass this bill it will cause more harm for the children than the parents.

Oh?! What was I thinking you probably don't have enough time to care what the public thinks. What was I thinking?

Let's hypothesize for a moment and say you were not the governor and you had a min. wage job. Fifteen percent of your monetary gain is already going to garnishing. Forget feeding yourself that money goes to the landlord. Now your daughter wants a Wii because some kid at school convinced her it controls the universe.

What do you do Mitch Daniels?

A.Get a second job or part time.(This option instantly gives up hope of ever having anytime to spend with her.)

B.Find the local crack dealer and ask if he needs a mule or corner jockey.(High risk but high pay and you get maybe three or four hours of quality time with your child.)

C.Give up and become what the State Department eloquently refers to as a "deadbeat" parent.

There is no choice D. I know how you goverment types love everything appendixed and alphabetized. Not like you'll ever ever ever read this and factor it in to your little plan.

By the by, I'm not even a parent, but damn those drunken idiots!

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SingleMom2

Posted: Oct 21 2008 11:26 am
Subject: Re: Deadbeat parents may lose Indiana ...

Joined: Sep 26 2008
Posts: 9

I Agree 100% with Tracey Nickels & Dot O'Malley. I myself have 2 deadbeat dads that i am fighting with to get childsupport from. it makes me sick of the excuses they come up with why they don't have childsupport this week or so on...or change jobs all the time so the paper work can't get started to garnish. or just down right out not wanting to work & having there mommy support them, who is nameless & going on 56yrs old. that is SICK in my eyes. No money for xmas or b-days either always excuses!!!

Now if you say Party, he has beer money & cigarette money always & his child goes without!!! Just a month ago i got a support check for \$12.75, i hope that didn't break him? lol))) My sons are 15 & 19 & i will continue to fight what ever it takes to get these guys to pay even if that means seeing them behind bars for a long time & not receiving childsupport. I'm "FREE" they are NOT!!!

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BASH

Posted: Oct 21 2008 11:51 am
Subject: Re: Deadbeat parents may lose Indiana ...

Joined: Feb 11 2008
Posts: 1

what about us good dads that pay support faithfully and thier ex shows up the day after have a new fresh haircut and nails done? we deserve to know where and how our supprt payments are being spent,they should have to show receipts for what they spent our money on

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michigonian

Posted: Oct 21 2008 12:34 pm
Subject: Re: Deadbeat parents may lose Indiana ...

Joined: Feb 20
2008
Posts: 868

Single mom2 I sympathize with you....my foreign born mother raised six of us..on her own. She never had a car...and our lives were unbelievably tough. My father was one of the very first men in St. Joseph County to ever be sentenced to prison for non support. He got a 1-7 in Michigan city in the middle sixties.

I know what you speak of concerning your uphill battle and my prayers are with you.

I'm a divorced man...and I have two grown kids..but I always supported them..always...and I help them out with every spare dollar I have..even to this day.

They are my life. he's thirty four..LOL..and she's twenty eight.

Hearing that your kids dad doesn't even have birthday presents or Christmas presents breaks my heart. I bet your kids are fine young men too.

From the bottom of my heart...I wish you the best.

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Tara Crews

Posted: Oct 21 2008 3:18 pm
Subject: Re: Deadbeat parents may lose Indiana ...

Joined: Dec 15
2007
Posts: 81

wait a minute...am I hearing this or shall I say reading this right?? \$25,000.00??? I was told and have in writing that if a non custodial parent owes \$2,500.00 or more then they would have their Indiana driver's licenses suspended. What the heck makes them think that giving them the time to get the arrearages up so high that that will detour them from paying. Keep it low as it is supposed to be and then maybe your assinine plan might work. Oh but lets nto forget, all they have to do if they get suspended here is move to Niles adn apply for a drivers lisenca there adn there they go, getting off the hook again. This astate is SOO screwed up when it comes to the child support laws.

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SingleMom2

Posted: Oct 21 2008 3:46 pm
Subject: Re: Deadbeat parents may lose Indiana ...

Joined: Sep 26
2008
Posts: 9

Thank you Michigonian for the kind words..& YES my 2 boys are very much fine young men,i'm very proud of both of them. I struggle day to day working 11p-7a have for yrs.but with the love & guideance of my side of my family,i know some day they both will be GREAT DADS. I just think the LAWS need to CHANGE here in INDIANA towards us Single Moms or Dads raising our children with out support. I agree put there picture in the paper & let the world see who they really are, DEAD BEATS!!!

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grandmother

Posted: Oct 21 2008 4:20 pm
Subject: Re: Deadbeat parents may lose Indiana ...

Joined: Oct 21
2008
Posts: 4

Do you really want to know what the mother's of these children believe the answer should be? They should take a survey and they will probably hear the following which many have already expressed:

First, A work release program would be the best alternative - taking away a driver's license only makes the matter worse. If they will not pay, then they should spend their time in jail and be released only to go to work until their debt is paid. Or they have to go to jail for the weekend, serve by working at a company even if it is minimum pay, where the entire check goes directly to support the children.

Secondly, their names should be on a list that ALL companies have to check before hiring - as Deadbeat Dads. If any company shows that they have paid a deadbeat dad (even with cash - which many do so they do not have to pay support) then the company should be fined.

Third, no visitation. . . it is quite unfair that a mother of a toddler or a child with life threatening medical needs should have to hand over their child for visitation to a deadbeat father who does not even care whether they have food to eat, diapers,

daycare, or medicine for their needs. Our grandchildren's father could care less about their needs but will threaten our daughter if she does not give the children to him. Is that fair? Does that show the father really loves and cares for the children? It appalls me what the judges allow - especially in Plymouth - Marshall County. They should be ashamed of themselves.

As grandparents,
We have had to take in my daughter and three grandchildren and support them. We have spent thousands of dollars. Marshall County seems to do very little to help see that these little ones are cared for by holding the father responsible to do his part.

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grandmother

Posted: Oct 21 2008 4:50 pm
Subject: Re: Deadbeat parents may lose Indiana ...

Joined: Oct 21
2008
Posts: 4

In response to BASH - I do also agree with you - I have seen some negligent parents who do not properly take care of their children. They too should be held responsible. That is a very sad situation. I have seen custodial parents with lake front homes being paid support and their children go without. They should have to turn in receipts to show that the child's support is going towards a certain portion of housing, utilities, groceries, medical insurance, medical needs, eyeglasses, dentists, clothing, school supplies, books, athletic supplies, daycare (\$420 a month alone) diapers, formula, car seats, hi chairs, and all baby needs, transportation needs and gas to get them there, after school care . . . and the list goes on.

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Mike A

Posted: Oct 21 2008 4:56 pm
Subject: Re: Deadbeat parents may lose Indiana ...

Joined: Sep 16
2008
Posts: 8

Wow. What about the kids and their well being. They get used as pawns in a battle between two people who said they loved each other at one time. They pay the biggest price. If dad can't or won't pay then mom is constantly talking bad about him. I think they need to have a guide they use based on your wages that you have to go by, not the judges whim. What happen when you ***** off or ***** your job your support continues. You may be getting less on unemployment than your support is but it continues on until you can get back to court and hopefully get a reduction.

I think suspending licenses is a good idea if there is a way to correct mistakes immediately. I can see them posting your support to the wrong account and your license is suspended and it takes you six months to get it fixed.

Nonpayment of support has been a problem every since it started. I would like to see an overall plan to fix the problem not just part of it.

Again lets keep the kids in mind since they are the ones who pay the biggest price when their parents aren't together.

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grandmother

Posted: Oct 21 2008 5:00 pm
Subject: Re: Deadbeat parents may lose Indiana ...

Joined: Oct 21
2008
Posts: 4

One more thing - you really should e-mail your comments to Mitch Daniels at the following website - <http://www.in.gov/gov/2631.htm>

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michigonian

Posted: Oct 21 2008 9:06 pm
Subject: Re: Deadbeat parents may lose Indiana ...

Joined: Feb 20
2008
Posts: 868

Grandmother you are very smart. You should run for office.

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Emily Sheperd

Posted: Oct 21 2008 11:10 pm
Subject: Re: Deadbeat parents may lose Indiana ...

Joined: Sep 22
2008
Posts: 2

I have heard my mother before fighting with the prosecutors office because my father is behind in child support. There are 5 children in my family, and it is very hard to take care of us. 2 of those children are in college and my mom makes sure we are all in private schools for better education. All except one of us have

one sort of problem or another that requires medicine. And I think my favorite thing is that my dad is allowed to get away with this because he is a doctor, so the community needs him. He is well known for not coming in to work and not working, and yet he gets away with it. He's been threatened and then all he does is for a month or 2 he will pay support and then stop. This is not something anyone should have to deal with. Ever. And when my mom calls into the prosecutors office all she gets is "Well he paid the support once this year so you should be happy." This is the first step I have seen taken, but I think once you get behind by \$5,000 something should happen, because the farther in debt they get, the least likely they are to get out. Of the 5 years my parents have been divorced, my father has never been up to date. I don't think he ever will be.

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Lisa Steele

Posted: Oct 21 2008 11:18 pm
Subject: Re: Deadbeat parents may lose Indiana ...

Joined: Oct 21 2008
Posts: 1

I was shocked when I read this article! I work for child support enforcement in MO (I use to live in South Bend)and when a non-custodial parent is \$1000 behind any license can be suspended (even Dr's, lawyers, etc...) I hear all the stories about if we take their driver's license they can't get to work, well if you have a job pay your support and you wouldn't be in the situation of having your license(s) pulled.

If any of our cases get to 25,000 behind they end up in a prosecutors office for criminal contempt charges! Children don't ask to be born, it takes 2 to make them and it takes 2 support them! My heart goes out to all the single parents who struggle to raise their children when the "deat beat" parents go on with their day to day life and don't give a 2nd thought to that child of theirs that is going without! The government needs to wake up and take a stand and have harsher penalties for parents who don't want to support their children!!!!!!

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Amber Barton-Peters

Posted: Oct 22 2008 1:39 pm
Subject: Re: Deadbeat parents may lose Indiana ...

Joined: Oct 22 2008
Posts: 3

As a mother of two who gets her support every week, it may not be the full amount, but I do get it, I applaud the parents that do make their payments. It isn't a matter of deadbeat dads, but deadbeat parents. It can be mother or father. My husband now pays his support faithfully in full every week, but we do not know where the money goes. I know what I do with my child support. My kids don't see their dad regularly because of situations created by their father, but we get my step daughter every other weekend and all summer. Child support is just that..child support. Each state should have it automatically taken from the paycheck like Michigan does. It will also come from unemployment checks, social security, etc. Suspending their license will do nothing, but make them drive without a license further more costing more money for the government because of fines, arrests, etc. I agree that we should put these people in jail on work release until their child support is paid off. Letting them roam free without a license doesn't mean anything. That pretty much takes them off the grid anyways. We need to think about the children and the affect of low incomes, the layoffs parents have with the economy being so bad, and circumstances. Have you ever thought that maybe we need to look at the judicial system and figure out where they get their equations and amounts? I mean really, what do need to do for these children. You see welfare is up, unemployment is up, failure to pay child support is up, what else is going to happen?

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b h

Posted: Oct 22 2008 4:34 pm
Subject: Re: Deadbeat parents may lose Indiana ...

Joined: Aug 18 2008
Posts: 3

Think about it. If these dead beat dads dont care about supporting their children do you really think they would care if they had their license taken away? They all know how to beat the system. Mothers as well. Live in boyfriends live off the welfare checks. They dont have to work to survive. there are too many dingbat women out their that will take them in.

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Mickey Green

Posted: Oct 22 2008 5:57 pm

Subject: Re: Deadbeat parents may lose Indiana ...

Joined: Jul 26
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Apparently these women trusted the men enough to have kids with. When they (dads) fall behind on support have them take the kids and raise them. See what it is like to bathe, feed, dress, nurse, and educate the kids. The mom should not have to pay support during the time the dad has them until his support that is in arrears is worked off by raising the kids without support. Maybe then these dads will see what a small price a little child support is.

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Amber Barton-
Peters

Posted: Oct 23 2008 6:05 am
Subject: Re: Deadbeat parents may lose Indiana ...

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It isn't that we trusted or loved them enough to have children with them. The road travels two directions. It takes two to make babies and whether you are together or not, financially it takes two to raise them. Giving the parent who doesn't pay support the kids?? Are you out of your minds? If they can't pay the support what makes you think they will take care of them if they have them in their "possession?" Parents just need to step up to the plate and take care of the future.....CHILDREN!

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john mullin

Posted: Oct 23 2008 7:10 am
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Hey! don't forget the deadbeat moms

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