

Practice Alert



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Quarterly Financial Statement (KIDS account statements)

House Bill 3011, Part 3, Section 11.2020 added in the budget bill by the General Assembly requires the Department of Social Services to issue a quarterly statement from the KIDS and Dedicated KIDS accounts to the parent, GAL and youth who are over age 15.

Children's Income Disbursement System (KIDS)

The intent of the Children's Income Disbursement System (KIDS) is to centralize all of a child's outside income, excluding child support, in order to increase agency efficiency and accountability in the receipt and disbursement of such funds. The KIDS account system is monitored by the FACES Payment Unit. This system provides the county office with all needed information regarding the status of a child's KIDS account.

A child who is placed in Alternative Care and has an independent source of income (i.e., Social Security Income (SSI), Old Age Survivor Disability Income (OASDI), Veteran's Affairs benefits (VA), and/or Railroad benefits, (excludes the child's personal income, inheritance, or settlement income) etc.) will have these funds deposited into the KIDS account. These funds must be applied toward the care of the child prior to authorizing payment from State or Federal funds and are processed through the Children's Services Income Disbursement system (KIDS). Only a child who has income benefits will have a KIDS account. Child support is placed in a separate fund and is used for the cost of the child's care.

Quarterly Financial Statements

On 10-17-22 the first round of Quarterly Financial Statements (KIDS account statements) were sent via mail from the Children's Division using the addresses in FACES to Parents, Youth age 15 and older, and GAL's. It is imperative that all addresses are updated timely in FACES when an address change occurs to ensure the intended recipients receive these statements.

Any returned or undeliverable statements will be returned to Children's Division in Central Office. As these are received, further information will be distributed regarding what address errors remain to be updated and the process by which the returned/undeliverable statements will either need to be resent or hand-delivered by Case Managers.

The statements will continue to be sent out every quarter on the 15th of the month following a quarter end. If the 15th falls during a weekend, they will go out the following Monday.

Statement Information

A cover letter will accompany each statement with the following information:

This information is intended for the addressee only and is being provided pursuant to Section 210.560 RSMo. This statement provides the quarterly accounting for the child's KIDS Account. A KIDS Account is required by law to receive and hold money for children in Children's Division custody in order to supplement the costs for a child in foster care. All

information contained herein is for informational purposes only and no action is required on your part. All questions should be directed to the child's Children's Division Case Manager.

The statement will include the following information:

Statement Date
Statement Type
Name of Child
County Office
Case Manager
Period Covered
Beginning Quarterly Balance of KIDS account
Total Deposit Amount for that quarter
Total Payment Amount for that quarter
Ending Quarterly Balance

To access a child's KIDS account, please follow the steps below:

FACES -> Financial Management -> KIDS/Dedicated KIDS Account -> Enter DCN -> Hit "Go"

Resources:

Additional information regarding KIDS accounts can be found in the Child Welfare Manual in [Section 4, Chapter 12 \(Financial Considerations\), Subsection 8 – Payments for Children – DSS Manuals \(mo.gov\)](#)

To reference the statute that directs this implementation you can find it here: [Missouri Revisor of Statutes - Revised Statutes of Missouri, RSMo Section 210.560](#)