

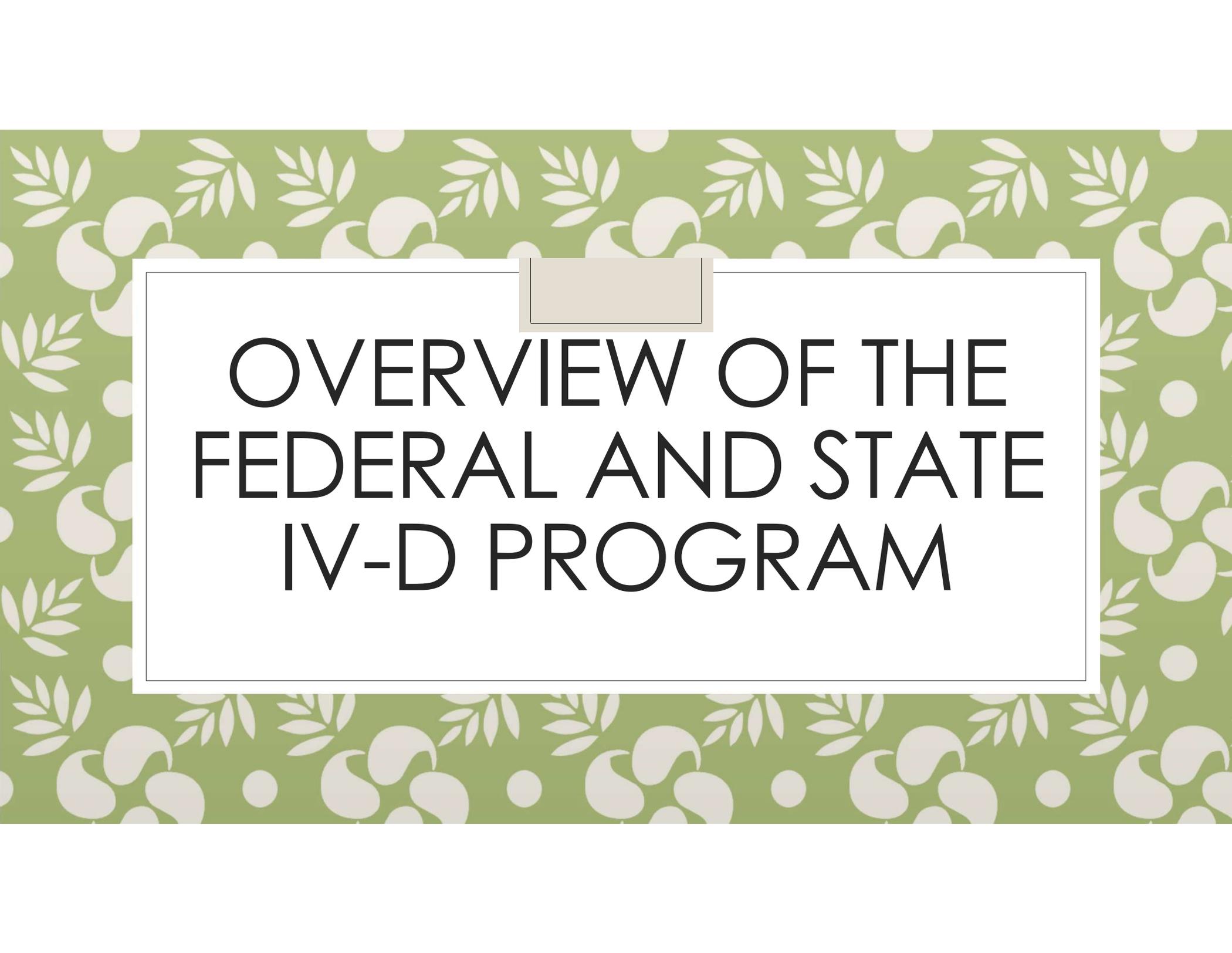


MEET THE SPRINGFIELD REGIONAL PROSECUTORS' CHILD SUPPORT OFFICE

Greene County Huddle, June 18, 2019
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Let's talk about...

- Overview of the IV-D Program
- Overview of the SRPCSO
- Greene County Partners



OVERVIEW OF THE FEDERAL AND STATE IV-D PROGRAM

SRPCSO Works With The Federal IV-D Program

- US Social Security Act of 1935 (IV-D cases)
 - State plans
 - States, Territories, and Tribes
- Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement is the regulating agency (OCSE)
- Current federal funding is 66%

US Federal IV-D Program

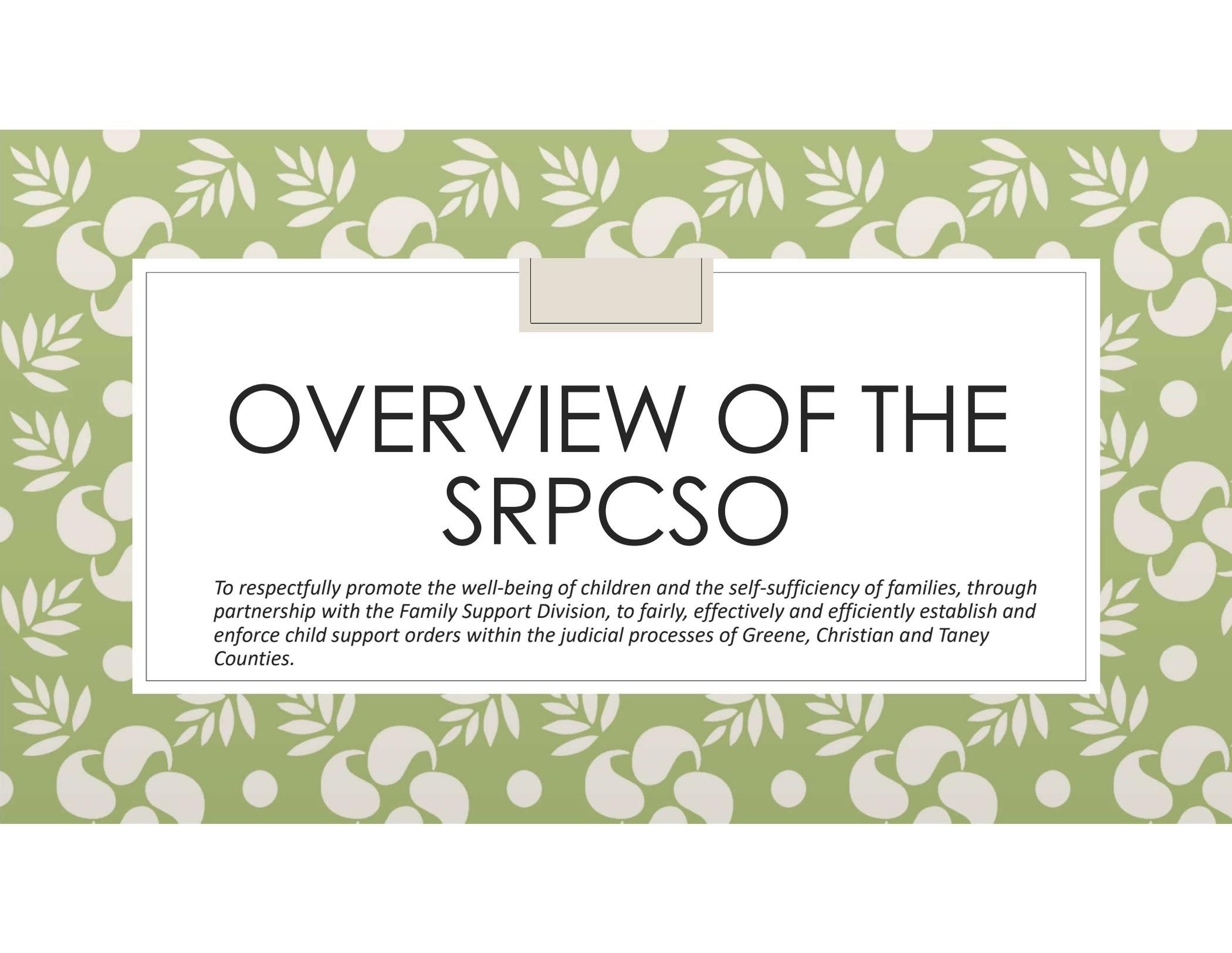
- Latest data from the federal program is 2017
 - \$32.4 billion was collected by state and tribal cs programs (96% distributed to families)
 - 15.1 million children served in the IV-D program
 - CS accounts for about half the average income of low-income parents who receive it, lifting 750,000 people out of poverty in 2016
 - One of the most cost effective federal programs: \$5.15

MO FSD

- Missouri Department of Social Services, Family Support Division, Child Support Program, is the IV-D agency in MO (FSD)
 - State run, state administered; administrative process 1982
 - Referrals to PAs: May 2019 monthly average is 27,207 (down from 29,171)
 - Referrals to AG: May 2019: 514 (May 2018: 571)
- Audits—
 - PA office 2018: 97%!!

MO FSD

- FSD information Demographic Report, 5/31/9
 - 317,208 IV-D cases in MO
 - Almost 90% are for enforcement
 - Over 10% of ncps are mothers
 - There are about 326,000 kids on these cases
 - Receiving TANF: 5,646 cps (1.9%)
- SFY2018 Collections were \$672,825,626 state-wide



OVERVIEW OF THE SRPCSO

To respectfully promote the well-being of children and the self-sufficiency of families, through partnership with the Family Support Division, to fairly, effectively and efficiently establish and enforce child support orders within the judicial processes of Greene, Christian and Taney Counties.

SRPCSO

- Springfield Regional Prosecutors' Child Support Office (SRPCSO)
 - Greene County is Host County for the Springfield regional prosecutors project with Christian and Taney Counties
 - Dan Patterson, Prosecutor; Todd Myers, Chief Assistant Prosecutor
 - Amy Fite, Christian County - Ozark
 - William Duston, Taney County - Forsyth
- Staff
 - 5 APAs
 - 1 Office Manager
 - 7 Legal Technicians
 - 2 Clerks

SRPCSO

- Judicial Actions
 - Appear in all courts in Greene County, except Juvenile and Probate; all in Christian and Taney
 - Most of our cases are to enforce
 - Also:
 - establish paternity and child support orders
 - register foreign orders,
 - and send outgoing UIFSA referrals

SRPCSO

- Community Partners
 - New Pathways for Good Dads- local fatherhood program; has a contract with FSD
 - Local agencies to assist with obstacles to employment (POWER court)

How The SRPCSO Helps FSD

- FSD referrals:
 - Local: paternity establishment, enforcement when administrative process fails
 - outgoing Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSAs): for paternity, establishment, and modifications
- SRPCSO Caseload
 - Currently, about 2,100 cases for Greene, Christian, and Taney,
- Collections
 - SFY2018: over \$3.6M
 - Through April of SFY2019, over, \$2.8M

The PA office does not:

- Accept applications for services
- Modify orders
- Represent parents (no attorney-client relationship with parents)
- Initiate any proceedings for custody and visitation
- Accept payment for child support



OUR GREENE
COUNTY PARTNERS

Thank you!

SRPCSO PARTNERS IN GREENE COUNTY

ADMINISTRATIVE

- IS
- Auditors Office
- Budget Office
- General Services
- Purchasing
- Treasurer's Office
- Highway Department

JUDICIAL

- Sheriff's Office
- Circuit Clerk's Office
- Judges and their Clerks
- PA Main Office



**THANK YOU FOR
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