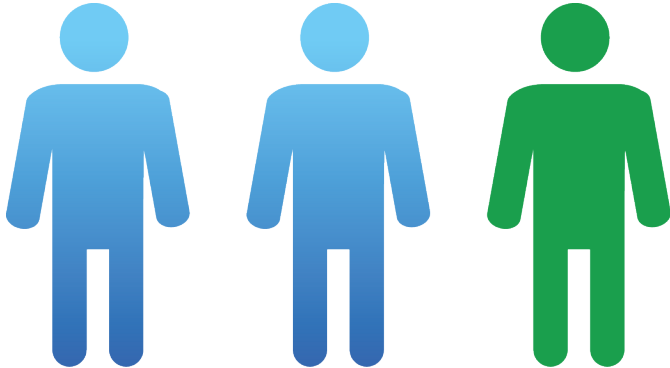




The Hidden Social Safety Net

How Child Support Relates to Other Forms of Support for Michigan Families

One in three children
are served by the Michigan Child Support Program



32% of children receive **child support**
12% of children receive **WIC**
5% of children receive **cash assistance**

How do child support payments help families?

Nationally, child support lifted nearly 1 million people out of poverty. (2012)

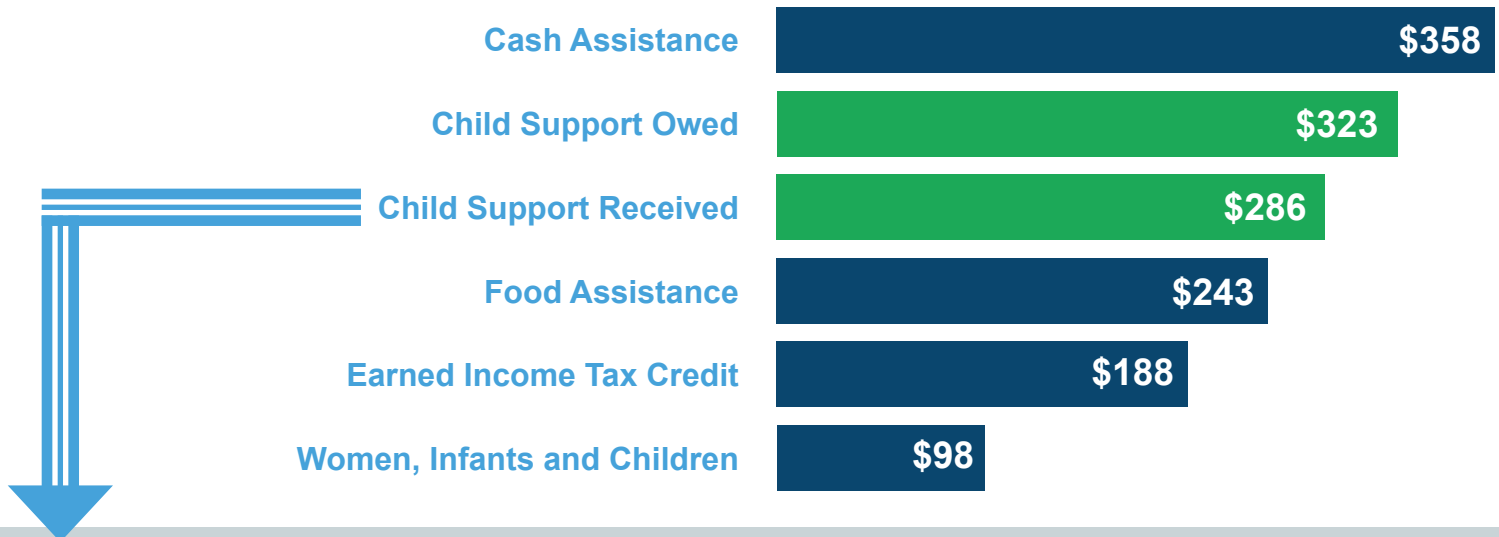
Child support payments reduce poverty in the United States more than cash assistance or WIC. (2013)

Among poor parents who receive child support in the United States the average amount received accounts for more than half of their average income. (2011)

While not traditionally thought of as a social program, child support payments provide more support each month than food assistance, Women, Infants and Children (WIC) or Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).



Average Monthly Assistance per Family in 2014



For Michigan families receiving child support, who receive WIC, EITC and food assistance, Child Support makes up 30% of their safety net.