

Dear Friend of the Court,

Thank you for agreeing to have your office participate in a pilot program of the Re-tooling Michigan's Child Support Enforcement Project. You agreed for your office to participate in one or both of the pilots: Compromise Arrears in Return for On-Time Support (CAROTS) pilot and/or Predictive Modeling pilot (PMP).

The State of Michigan Office of Child Support (OCS) has a contract with the University of Michigan School of Social Work (U-M SSW) to monitor implementation and conduct a research study and evaluation of both pilot programs. To participate in the pilot program, the FOC office staff must also participate in the research study conducted by the U-M SSW in conjunction with OCS.

The research study will consist of data analysis using the Michigan Child Support Enforcement System (MiCSES) and new data collection, as well as interviews and/or focus groups with participating FOC staff. Pilot participation expectations will be outlined in an agreement with OCS.

All data will be aggregated at the county level, meaning personal identifiers will be removed from all data analysis. Clients and staff will not be individually identified in analysis, reports, and other forms of dissemination.

Please check the box next to the pilot program your county is participating in:

- CAROTS (February 2013 - December 2016)
- PMP (February 2013 - December 2014)

County Name: _____

By signing this document, you agree to have your county participate in the research study of the pilot programs.

Friend of the Court

Date

Pilot Lead

Date

OCS Retooling Grant Coordinator

Date

U-M SSW Co-Principal Investigator

Date