

Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement

DMS 2009 Annual Conference
“The Good, the Bad and the Ugly”



The Bad and the Ugly...

As of May 2009:

- Over 7 million delinquent cases
- Over \$100 billion in arrearages
- An increase in arrearages of 2.2% over last year



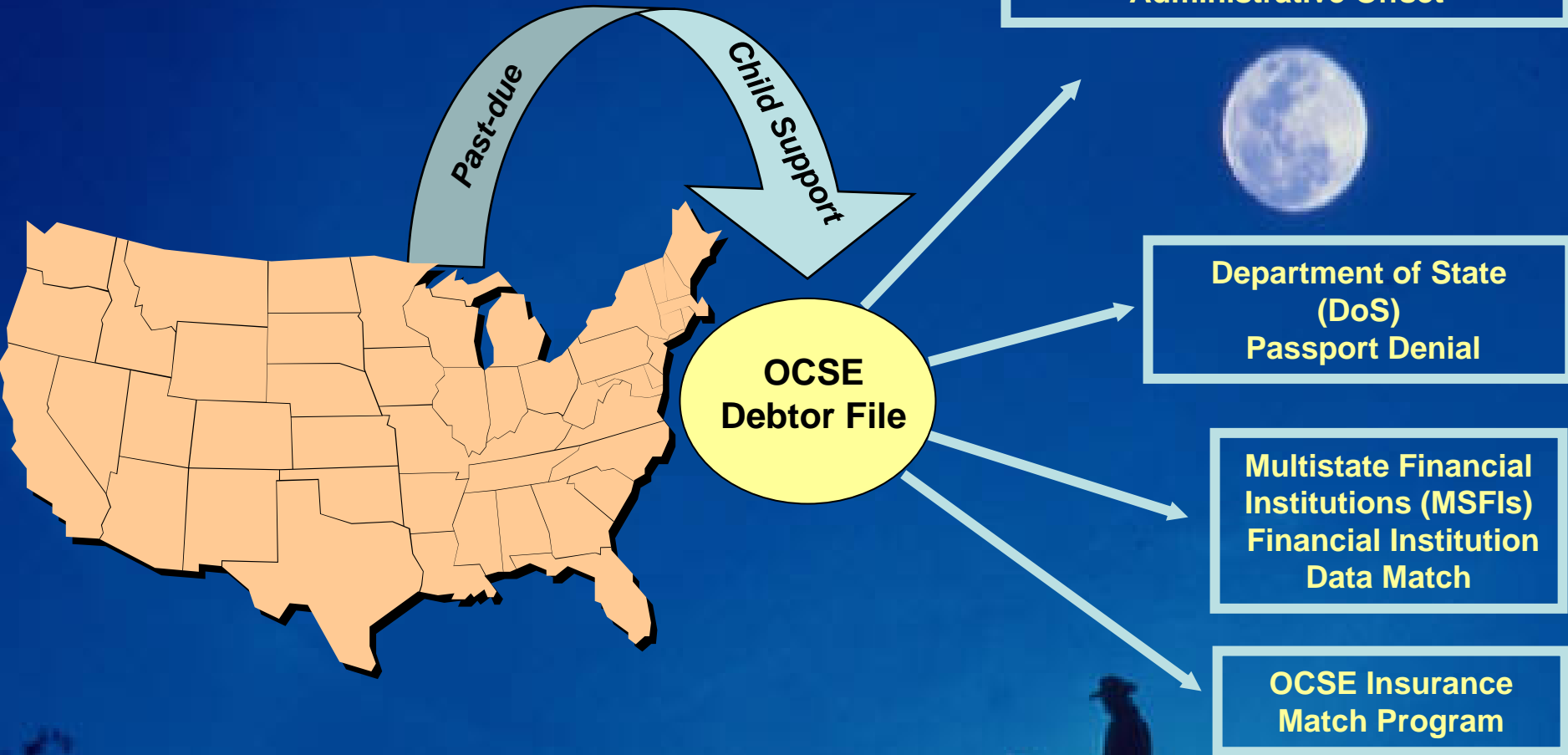
The Good...

Child Support Program Statistics FY 2008:

- 79% of cases have orders established
- 57% of cases have collections
- \$26.6 billion collected:
 - 68% from income withholding
 - 8% from Federal collection & enforcement programs
 - 24% from other sources



The Good...



The Good...

Federal Collections & Enforcement Programs

Federal Tax Refund Offset



- \$2.85 billion collected in 2008
 - \$863 million attributed to IRS Stimulus Payments
- Over \$27 billion collected (1982 – April 2009)

Administrative Offset

- Nearly \$5 million collected in 2008
- Over \$30 million collected (1999 – April 2009)



The Good...

Federal Collections & Enforcement Programs

Passport Denial

- Over \$170 million in collections voluntarily reported by States since 1998
- 4.6 million cases certified to DoS
- Over 80 passports denied daily
- Highest lump sum payment made to receive a passport: \$419,065



The Good...

Federal Collections & Enforcement Programs

Multistate Financial Institution Data Match (MSFIDM)

- Over \$811 million in collections voluntarily reported by States since 1999
- OCSE matches with 4,600 financial institutions
- Texas boasts the highest MSFIDM collections totaling over \$154 million



The Good...

Federal Collections & Enforcement Programs

Insurance Match

- Newest program – implemented October 2007
- \$100k in collections voluntarily reported by States
- 51 States/Territories participating
- Receiving claims data from 5 Workers' Comp agencies and 170 Insurers
- Over 62,000 matches received and processed by States/Territories



The Good...

Federal Collections & Enforcement Programs

Success Stories

- **Passport Denial - \$266,517** A noncustodial parent with work in Canada and Dubai paid off his arrearages in full from inheritance money
- **MSFIDM - \$38,359** A noncustodial parent deposited a quarter million dollar insurance settlement from his girlfriend's death into an Oregon bank
- **Insurance Match - \$19,966** A workers' compensation settlement was intercepted, paying the arrears in full and closing the case



From Ugly to Good – How We Got Here

Tax Offset
Implemented to
Collect Past-
Due Child
Support



Passport
Denial and
MSFIDM
Implemented



1975...

...1982...

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1999...

Child
Support
Program
Established



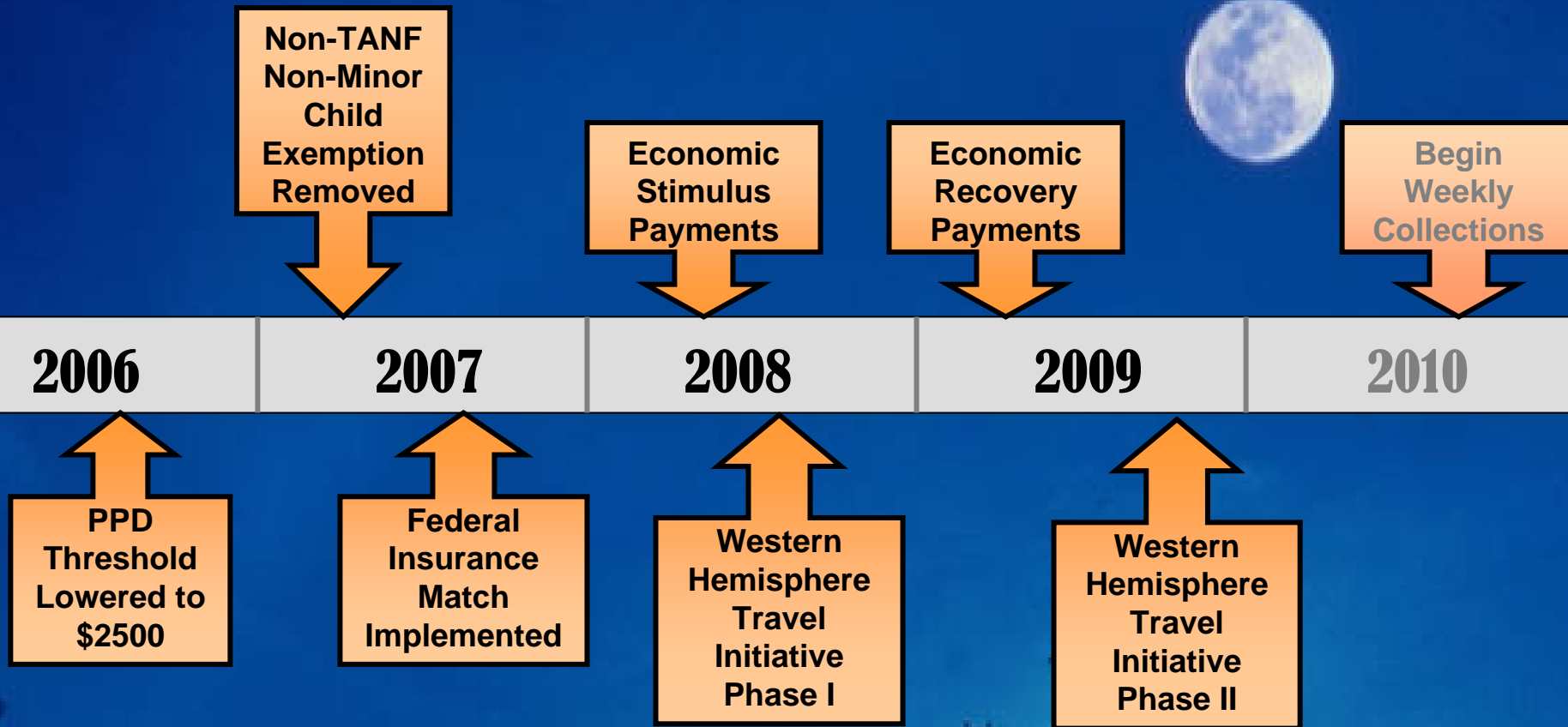
Tax Offset
Modified to
Allow
Collections
to Families



Administrative
Offset
Implemented



From Ugly to Good – How We Got Here



More Good...

American Recovery & Reinvestment Act 2009

- Signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009
- Provides one-time Economic Recovery Payments (ERP) of \$250 to 60 million recipients of SSA, SSI, RRB, and VA Disability Compensation/Pension Benefits.
- ERPs are subject to offset to collect delinquent debts, including child support
- Cases at FMS with arrears of at least \$25 are automatically eligible for ERP intercept



More Good to Come...

- Tax and Administrative Offsets Sent to States/Territories Weekly
- Additional Federal Agencies Submitting Vendor/Misc. Payments to TOP
- Continue Outreach to States/Territories and Federal Partners



Questions?

www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cse

