

Dual Debtors: Child Support and Other Programs

- Criminal justice involvement as barrier to child support compliance
- “Pile-on” effects of multiple debts, increased social and economic strain
 - Driver’s license suspensions
- Comparative salience and assessments of fairness of each type of debt
- Lack of understanding of state-initiated (i.e. public assistance) child support cases
 - Blame and hostility toward support obligee

