

# News Release



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## **County Executive Shapiro and County Council Pass Legislation Recognizing the month of August as Child Support Awareness Month in Summit County**

Summit County Executive Shapiro and Summit County Council passed legislation (2018-227) recognizing the month of August 2018 as Child Support Awareness Month in Summit County. The legislation emphasizes the importance of recognizing Support is Key and encourages the residents of Summit County to join in this acknowledgement.

An essential element in providing family stability is ensuring children receive the financial support they deserve so that they may grow up in a safe and healthy environment and out of poverty and financial hardship. Partnerships between the County, State, and Federal agencies, parents, legislators, judges, health care professionals, advocacy groups, employers, and many others are monumental in ensuring children are provided with support.

“In order to be provided with essential care and stability, it is crucial that children are receiving the necessary financial support,” said Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro. “Summit County takes child support and the well-being of our children very seriously and the leadership of the County of Summit Child Support Enforcement Agency continues to make a tremendous difference in the lives of so many children.”

The County of Summit Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) collects nearly \$76 million annually and the Criminal Non-Support program has collected over \$45 million since 2001. CSEA establishes support orders for approximately 4,000 children on an annual basis.

“Summit County is proud to recognize the month of August as Child Support Awareness Month,” said County Council Member at-Large Clair Dickinson. “The work of Summit County’s Child Support Enforcement Agency makes an incredible impact in the daily lives and futures of many children and we are very grateful for that.”

“I am very proud of my Child Support Enforcement Agency. They work extremely hard to help families, many of whom depend on this support just to survive,” said Summit County Prosecutor Walsh. “Child Support Awareness month gives us a chance to highlight all the wonderful work my employees do in helping Summit County families. This year we’ve expanded our Child Support Solutions event to three days to give more parents who owe child support a chance to make things right.”

Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh is hosting Child Support Solutions, a three day event focusing on child support, employment assistance, and fatherhood initiatives, to assist individuals who owe support. The event will take place August 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. at the Ohio Bldg., 175 S. Main St., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Akron.

For more information:

<http://co.summitoh.net/prosecutor/index.php/divisions/child-support-enforcement>.

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