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**CSEA Wins National Award for Child Support Days**

(Akron) ... Summit County's Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA), a division of the prosecutor's office, was awarded an Achievement Award by the National Association of Counties (NACo) for its *Child Support Days* held last August.

Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh said after receiving the announcement from NACo that, "This is our second recognition for *Child Support Days* and we appreciate NACo recognizing the innovation and hard work that went into bringing our child support services into the community. More importantly, we learned so much from the experience that we now have a new model to work with: go to where your clients are to reach more people, to resolve more problems, and ultimately, to collect more child support dollars."

*Child Support Days*, held two days last August at Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, brought in 984 CSEA clients to work out their child support problems. The operation included Child Support Specialists, judges, court administration, Sheriff's deputies, staff from the Clerk of Courts office, magistrates from Domestic Relations, and many others. More than \$25,000 was collected in back child support.

The award states "2009 Achievement Award in recognition of an effective and innovative program which contributes to and enhances county government in the United States."

The Director of CSEA, Jennifer Bheam, and Rebecca Stock, Child Support Administrator, will go to NACo's national conference in Nashville on July 26 to accept the award.

Walsh concluded, "Operations like *Child Support Days* would not be possible without the outstanding and dedicated staff at CSEA. We are also thankful to the Department of Jobs and Family Services, which funded the program with federal grant dollars. Great job everyone!"