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Summit County CSEA to Host Child Support Solutions

Two-Day amnesty event to help non-custodial parents address payment barriers

AKRON, OHIO – August 21, 2012 – Summit County Prosecuting Attorney Sherri Bevan Walsh today announced that the Summit County Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) will host Child Support Solutions, a two-day amnesty event, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on August 24 and 25 at The Job Center at 1040 E. Tallmadge Avenue in Akron.

Participants will be able to:

- Reinstatement of their driver's license
- Resolution of outstanding child support warrants
- Application for waiver or settlement of past due child support owed to the state
- Payment arrangements for back child support
- Genetic testing to determine paternity

"I understand that there are social and economic reasons beyond parents' control that sometimes make them afraid to contact the Child Support Enforcement Agency to discuss their specific situation that leads to non-payment of child support. This event provides the perfect opportunity for them to do so in a non-threatening, peaceful environment where we can provide them with the tools and resources they need all in one location," said Prosecutor Walsh. "It is extremely encouraging to see all of these agencies and organizations come together for the benefit of our children."

Representatives from CSEA, Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Summit County Executive's Office, Summit County Sheriff's Office, Fame Fathers, Summit County Domestic Relations Court, Judge Tom Teodosio, Man 2 Man, Summit County Fiscal Office, The Job Center, Fathers & Sons, Summit County Clerk of Courts, Court Approved Special Advocates, Fatherhood Initiative and U.S. Department of Veterans Services will be on hand to help attendees address the issues that are preventing them from making their child support payments.

Additionally, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Director Michael Colbert and Ohio Commission on Fatherhood Director Kimberly Dent will attend Child Support Solutions on Friday, August 24 to meet with the fatherhood practitioners.

About CSEA

The Summit County Child Support Enforcement Agency collects nearly \$86 million annually and handles more than 55,000 child support cases. Each year it establishes support orders for approximately 4,000 children. Since its inception in 2001, the Criminal Non-Support program has collected more than \$27 million through its aggressive prosecution of individuals neglecting to pay child support. You can learn more about CSEA on its website:

<http://www.co.summit.oh.us/prosecutor/childsupp.htm>.