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Summit County CSEA Director Elected President of State Organization
Jennifer Bheam to lead Ohio CSEA Directors' Association

AKRON, OHIO – January 11, 2012 – Summit County Prosecuting Attorney Sherri Bevan Walsh today announced that Jennifer Bheam, director of the Prosecutor's Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) was elected president of the Ohio CSEA Directors' Association (OCDA).

"I am extremely proud that Jennifer will be leading OCDA for the next year," said Prosecutor Walsh. "The Summit County CSEA is a leader in Ohio, and I am confident that the child support system in Ohio will continue to improve under her leadership."

As president, Bheam will be responsible for setting goals of the OCDA Executive Board, establishing organizational work groups surrounding child support policies, leading legislative initiatives and assisting county CSEAs in improving their programs.

"I plan to focus my presidency on maintaining funding for our program in the upcoming state biennium budget, collaborating with the state's workforce program to assist our noncustodial parents in finding employment so that they are able to make child support payments and prioritizing several policy considerations for the upcoming legislative cycle," said Bheam.

OCDA is a professional association dedicated to strengthening Ohio's child support program by providing a forum to initiate, discuss and analyze legislation, budgetary concerns, regulations and other program issues affecting the child support program. The association coordinates the efforts of CSEAs throughout the state to ensure that program goals and objectives are realistically developed, approached and uniformly resolved as well as collaborates with other professional organizations and associations on issues that impact the children and families served.

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Note to editors: A photo from Bheam's swearing-in is available upon request.