

STATE OF ARKANSAS Department of Finance and Administration Office of Child Support Enforcement

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Ms. Marty Garrity, Director Bureau of Legislative Research State Capitol Room 315 Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Ms. Garrity:

In compliance with Arkansas Code Ann. § 25-10-118, we are submitting a semiannual report on the performance and progress of the Child Support Program for the period January 1, 2014, through June 30, 2014.

If you need additional information or have questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Dan McDonald Administrator

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Enclosure

cc: Richard Weiss, DFA Director Tim Leathers, DFA Deputy Director John Theis, Assistant Commissioner for Policy/Legal Walter Anger, Assistant Commissioner for Operations/Administration File

# Semi-Annual Report of Child Support Program January 1, 2014, through June 30, 2014

The following information is submitted in compliance with Arkansas Code Ann. §25-10-118 and summarizes certain aspects of the performance and progress of the Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) for the six-month period ending June 30, 2014.

A. <u>Hospital Based Paternity Acknowledgment</u> - This program was established in October 1993 to provide information to unwed parents, while still in the hospital for childbirth, of the benefits of establishing paternity. Hospital staff assists them in completion of the necessary paperwork to acknowledge paternity if that is the parent's desire.

| Paternity Acknowledgments Received |                     |                |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 01/01/13 - 06/30/13                | 01/01/14 - 06/30/14 | Percent Change |
| 4,965                              | 4,572               | -7.9%          |

B. <u>License Suspension Program</u> - The Office of Child Support Enforcement is authorized to suspend driver's licenses, game and fish licenses, professional and business licenses, and vehicle tags of non-custodial parents if certain conditions exist on a case.

### Driver's Licenses Suspended

| 01/01/13 - 06/30/13 | 01/01/14 - 06/30/14 | Percent Change |  |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|--|
| 3,796               | 3,363               | -11.4%         |  |

## Game and Fish Licenses Suspended

| 01/01/13 - 06/30/13 | 01/01/14 - 06/30/14 | Percent Change |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 910                 | 865                 | -4.9%          |

### Professional/Business Licenses Suspended

| 01/01/13 - 06/30/13 | 01/01/14 - 06/30/14 | Percent Change |  |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|--|
| 406                 | 441                 | +8.6%          |  |

#### Vehicle Tags Suspended

| 01/01/13 - 06/30/13 | 01/01/14 - 06/30/14 | Percent Change |  |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|--|
| 558                 | 505                 | -9.5%          |  |

## C. Enforcement

|                   | 06/30/13 | 06/30/14 | Percent Change |
|-------------------|----------|----------|----------------|
| Enforcement Cases | 118,601  | 114,668  | - 3.3%         |
| New Cases Opened  | 14,164   | 10,649   | -24.8%         |

## D. Collections

|                   | 01/01/13 - 06/30/13 | 01/01/14 - 06/30/14 | Percent Change |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Enforcement       |                     |                     |                |
| Collections       | \$130,952,476       | \$131,047,607       | -0.0%          |
| Non-Enforcement   |                     |                     |                |
| Collections       | \$24,918,729        | \$23,698,248        | -4.9%          |
| Total Collections | \$155,871,205       | \$154,745,855       | -0.1%          |