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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 semi-annual report on the performance and progress of the Child Support Program for the period July 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017.

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

Sincerely,

Alan McVey Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Larry Walther, DFA Director Carla Haugen, DFA Deputy Director Walter Anger, Deputy Director & Commissioner of Revenue Paul Gehring, Assistant Revenue Commissioner Policy/Legal

Semi-Annual Report of Child Support Program July 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017

The following information is submitted in compliance with Arkansas Code Ann. §25-10-118 and summarizes certain activities of the Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) for the six-month period ending December 31, 2017.

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

<u>07/01/16 - 12/31/16</u>	07/01/17 - 12/31/17	Percent Change
5,247	5,305	+1.10%

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

07/01/16 - 12/31/16	07/01/17 - 12/31/17	Percent Change
3,798	4,344	+14.3%

Game and Fish Licenses Suspended

<u>07/01/16 - 12/31/16</u>	07/01/17 - 12/31/17	Percent Change
1,140	1,343	+17.8%

Professional/Business Licenses Suspended

07/01/16 - 12/31/16	<u>07/01/17 – 12/31/17</u>	Percent Change
455	778	+70.9%

Vehicle Tags Suspended

<u>07/01/16 - 12/31/16</u>	07/01/17 - 12/31/17	Percent Change
588	664	+12.9%

C. Enforcement

	07/01/2016- 12/31/16	07/02/2016-12/31/17	Percent Change
Enforcement Cases	103,773	101,119	-2.55%
New Cases Opened	9,049	8,952	-1.07%

D. Collections

	07/01/16 - 12/31/16	07/01/17 - 12/31/17	Percent Change
Enforcement Collections	\$118,614,535	\$117,280,147	-1.12%
Non-Enforcement Collections	\$20,949,474	\$20,157,588	-3.78%
Total Collections	\$139,564,009	\$137,437,735	-1.52%