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Ms. Marty Garrity, Director
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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 of January 1, 2021, through June 30, 2021.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bmw', is written above the name of the sender.

Barbara Morris-Williams
Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Larry Walther, Cabinet Secretary
Alan McVey, Chief of Staff and Chief Fiscal Officer
Charlie Collins, Commissioner of Revenue
Paul Gehring, Assistant Commissioner of Revenue

**Semi-Annual Report of Child Support Program
January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021**

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 June 30 2021.

- A. **Hospital Based Paternity Acknowledgment** - 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>01/01/20-06/30/20</u>	<u>01/01/21-06/30/21</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
4,515	4,652	3.03%

- B. **License Suspension Program** - 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

<u>01/01/20-06/30/20</u>	<u>01/01/21-06/30/21</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
1,575	3,287	108.70%

Game and Fish Licenses Suspended

<u>01/01/20-06/30/20</u>	<u>01/01/21-06/30/21</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
451	1,009	123.73%

Professional/Business Licenses Suspended

<u>01/01/20-06/30/20</u>	<u>01/01/21-06/30/21</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
247	540	118.62%

Vehicle Tags Suspended

<u>01/01/20-06/30/20</u>	<u>01/01/21-06/30/21</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
128	288	125%

C. Enforcement

	<u>01/01/20-06/30/20</u>	<u>01/01/21-06/30/21</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Enforcement Cases	113,790	145,119	27.53%
New Cases Opened	24,102	23,203	-3.73%

D. Collections

	<u>01/01/20-06/30/20</u>	<u>01/01/21-06/30/21</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Enforcement Collections	\$145,115,861	\$133,629,636	-7.92%
Non-Enforcement Collections	\$17,825,927	\$15,587,325	-12.56%
Total Collections	\$162,941,788	\$149,216,961	-8.42%