

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 January 1, 2016, through June 30, 2016.

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

Sincerely,

Administrator

Enclosure

cc:

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Semi-Annual Report of Child Support Program January 1, 2016, through June 30, 2016

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 sixmonth period ending June 30, 2016.

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

01/01/15 - 06/30/15	01/01/16 - 06/30/16	Percent Change
4,318	3,703	-14.2%

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 noncustodial parents if certain conditions exist on a case.

Driver's Licenses Suspended

01/01/15 - 06/30/15	01/01/16 - 06/30/16	Percent Change
3,737	3,744	+0.18%

Game and Fish Licenses Suspended

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<u>01/01/15 – 06/30/15</u>	<u>01/01/16 – 06/30/16</u>	Percent Change
1,025	1,117	+8.9%

Professional/Business Licenses Suspended

01/01/15 - 06/30/15	01/01/16 - 06/30/16	Percent Change
391	335	-14.3%

Vehicle Tags Suspended

01/01/15 - 06/30/15	<u>01/01/16 – 06/30/16</u>	Percent Change
630	626	-0.63%

C. Enforcement

	06/30/15	06/30/16	Percent Change
Enforcement Cases	109,512	105,753	-3.4%
New Cases Opened	9,730	8,892	-8.6%

D. Collections

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	<u>01/01/15 06/30/15</u>	<u>01/01/16– 06/30/15</u>	Percent Change
Enforcement Collections	\$133,685,868	\$130,629,947	-2.2%
Non-Enforcement			
Collections	\$22,884,657	\$21,635,756	-5.4%
Total Collections	\$156,570,525	\$152,265,703	-2.74%