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Mr. David Ferguson, Director
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Dear Mr. Ferguson:

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, 2009, through December 31, 2009.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan McDonald", written over a horizontal line.

Dan McDonald
Administrator

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Enclosure

cc: Richard Weiss, DFA Director
Tim Leathers, DFA Deputy Director
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Semi-Annual Report of Child Support Program
July 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009

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 December 31, 2009.

- 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>07/01/08 – 12/31/08</u>	<u>07/01/09 – 12/31/09</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
5,256	4,908	-6.6%

- 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>07/01/08 – 12/31/08</u>	<u>07/01/09 – 12/31/09</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
3,210	3,598	+12.1%

Game and Fish Licenses Suspended

<u>07/01/08 – 12/31/08</u>	<u>07/01/09 – 12/31/09</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
802	511	-36.3%

Professional/Business Licenses Suspended

<u>07/01/08 – 12/31/08</u>	<u>07/01/09 – 12/31/09</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
414	503	+21.5%

Vehicle Tags Suspended

<u>07/01/08 – 12/31/08</u>	<u>07/01/09 – 12/31/09</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
861	874	+0.1%

C. Enforcement

	<u>12/31/08</u>	<u>12/31/09</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Enforcement Cases	121,348	121,550	0.0%
New Cases Opened	19,781	20,630	+4.3%

D. Collections

	<u>07/01/08 – 12/31/08</u>	<u>07/01/09 – 12/31/09</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Enforcement Collections	\$106,639,220	\$106,173,979	+0.0%
Non-Enforcement Collections	\$25,828,112	\$24,822,384	-3.9%
Total Collections	\$132,467,332	\$130,996,363	-1.1%