

2005 Annual Report

Mission: The Division is responsible for the establishment, enforcement and collection of court orders for child support and/or medical insurance in a manner that is cost-effective, in compliance with statutes and regulations, and that warrants the highest degree of public confidence.

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2005 Accomplishments:

Collections: Child Support Enforcement collected \$36,304,266.97 in child support payments. The tax offset program garnered \$1,416,031.51; collections on criminal non-support cases totaled \$849,290.93; and collections on driver's license suspensions totaled \$581,212.36.

Hearings: In 2005, Child Support Enforcement conducted 941 administrative (internal) hearings and participated in 4,610 judicial hearings. There were 592 paternity establishments, 914 support establishments and 1,154 medical support establishments. Additionally, 383 lump sum orders resulted in \$110,979.36 intercepted for past due child support mostly from employers or employee benefit plans.

State Recognition: In the fall of 2005, Clermont County was showcased during the Ohio CSEA Partners Conference, "Connecting for Children," held in Worthington, Ohio. Senator Tom Niehaus was honored by the Ohio CSEA Directors Association with a Legislator of the Year Excellence Award as a result of his efforts to preserve funding for the child support program. The Clermont County Sheriff's Office was honored with a Child Support Enforcement Partner Award of Excellence for their outstanding efforts associated with the annual Roundup of the most wanted child support offenders. Judge William Walker, Bruce Gibson, and Shauna Smith from the Clermont County Common Pleas Court and the Probation Department delivered an outstanding presentation on the local criminal non-support program. In addition, Judge Michael Voris partnered with panelists from Licking County and Warren County to discuss alternative sentencing options being utilized in the counties to deal with the jail overpopulation issues.

Amnesty: From July 1 through July 31, 2005, Amnesty was offered as a kickoff to the Child Support Month Celebration held throughout the month of August. Individuals who were behind on their child support payments were encouraged to contact the office during July to make arrangements for payment in order to avoid the enforcement crackdown scheduled to occur in August. Amnesty collections exceeded \$22,000 during July for ten families. In addition, collections during the six months following Amnesty doubled in comparison to the six months before it.

2005 Child Support Month Celebration: Child Support Enforcement celebrated Child Support Month (August) with its fourth annual roundup of the most wanted child support offenders. Because of the efforts of the Clermont County Sheriff's Department, 89

obligors with outstanding bench warrants were apprehended during August. On these 89 cases a total of \$12,995.00 was collected. 134 children were affected by the outcomes of the 89 arrests made. Some of these payors were highlighted as part of a Most Wanted advertisement, a full page of pictures and information regarding these individuals which was published in the Clermont Journal. The annual Most Wanted Poster, published and distributed in August, featured 9 obligors with total arrearages in excess of \$141,778.32. In addition, CSE filed 201 administrative liens on cases with arrearages totaling \$2,972,923.46.

In August 2005, 4,954 files were downloaded from the CSE Website, ClermontSupportskids.org. 62% of the hits were from the Most Wanted poster and active warrant files.

Clermont County Most Wanted Poster update: As of 6/1/06, eight of the nine Most Wanted have been apprehended and \$12,605 has been collected since publication of the poster.

Electronic Disbursements: During 2004 and 2005, Clermont County was one of six counties selected by the State Office of Child Support to pilot electronic disbursements: Ohio e-QuickPay and direct deposit. During Child Support Month held in August, extra attention was placed on the marketing "Have you Heard About the Bird," including a video produced by our very own staff promoting electronic disbursements which was aired on the local government cable television. At year end, Clermont County proudly led the state with the highest percentage of electronic disbursements.

2005 Case Statistics as of 12/30/2005

Criminal Non-Support/Diversion/Probation Cases: 522

Interstate Cases: 858

Paternity Establishment/Pre-Order Cases: 1,731

Third Party/Caretaker Enforcement Cases: 1,538

Enforcement Cases: 9,363

Total Case Count: 14,012

During 2005, CSE caseloads collectively consisted of 28,024 adults and 14,554 children for a total of 42,578 individuals.