

1999 Annual Report

Clermont County

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Mission:

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

1999 Deputy Director:
Cynthia L. DeWitt

68 Employees

1999 CSE Case Statistics

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| OWF Cases | 798 |
| Non-Public Assistance Cases | 7,376 |
| Child Support Arrears Cases | 2,670 |
| Non IV-D Cases | 470 |
| TOTAL CASE COUNT | 11,314 |

1,120 cases required paternity establishment

Department of Human Services Child Support Enforcement Division (CSE)

Accomplishments: The Collections Branch of Child Support processed over \$31.8 million in child support payments, more than a 6% increase from 1998. Clermont County CSE collected 91% of all current child support orders for fiscal year 1999. The state average for collecting current child support is 71%. We continue to receive excellent state performance audit reviews. In 1999, we received 100% rating in six out of seven categories. As a result of our outstanding performance the division earned 100% funding from state and federal resources for exceeding performance measures in all five incentive categories. Clermont County CSE was honored by the request of Ohio Child Support Directors' Association (OCDA) to represent the district as President of the Association.

Enhanced Enforcement Efforts: In July, 1999 Clermont County CSE began the implementation process on the latest enforcement tool titled Financial Institution Data Matching. Federal law authorizes CSE's to attach funds found in an obligor's bank account in situations where the obligor still has an arrearage on his/her child support account. The IRS tax offset submittal is matched against those financial institutions around the country who do business in more than one state. We believe the program will be a very effective enforcement tool, particularly when matches involve financial institutions that exclusively conduct business in the state of Ohio.

Clermont County CSE was chosen by the Ohio Department of Human Services to participate in a pilot project relating to health insurance coverage. Participating in a pilot project of this nature enables us to identify cases which have health insurance coverage available but the children are not enrolled. This process will ensure that the children in Clermont County are receiving the insurance coverage for which they are entitled.

In 1999, CSE completed the conversion of all child support records from a county based system to the mandated Support Enforcement Tracking System (SETS). All 88 counties are required by Federal Law to be fully converted by October 1, 2000.

House Bill 352, implemented in January 1998, allows for the suspension of both professional/occupational licenses and recreational licenses. A license may be suspended when an obligor is overdue in child support payments, and in situations where an obligor fails to comply with a subpoena or warrant relating to paternity or child support issues. In 1999, a Clermont County obligor with a license to practice law was delinquent in his payment of child support. The determination of default was forwarded to the Ohio Supreme Court, and as a result, the obligor's license was suspended. The suspension captured the attention of local media, and was featured in area news stories. Following a payment of \$15,567 on the arrearage, the obligor's license was reinstated.

Child Support Collections

