



Wisconsin Child Support Enforcement Association

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Governor Walker Proclaims August Child Support Awareness Month in Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Child Support Enforcement Association (WCSEA) is pleased to announce that Governor Walker has officially designated August 2017 as Child Support Awareness Month in Wisconsin.

Child Support creates economic security for hundreds of thousands of Wisconsin children. Local child support agencies help parents with children establish and collect support and assist non-custodial parents in preparing for and finding employment.

"Wisconsin's Child Support Program ensures that parents take responsibility for the care and well-being of their children, supporting the involvement of parents in their children's lives and provides important services to both custodial and noncustodial parents," proclaimed Governor Walker.

Wisconsin's Child Support Program is one of the most efficient programs in the nation. County child support agencies in Wisconsin collected \$658 million in child support in 2016. For every \$1 invested in the program, Wisconsin child support agencies collect an average of \$6.76.

"Every child deserves to grow up with the resources necessary to lead a successful and productive life," said WCSEA President Deb Barnes. "Wisconsin's child support program ranks 2nd in the nation for collecting current child support. We thank Governor Walker for acknowledging the important role child support plays in providing economic security to Wisconsin's children."

Child support services are available to the public through 71 county child support agencies. These agencies can assist families by establishing paternity for fathers of children born outside of marriage, establishing a child support or medical support order, enforcing or modifying an existing support order and by referrals for job services. Visit <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cs/home> for more information.

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