



Wisconsin Child Support Enforcement Association

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Governor Evers Proclaims August Child Support Awareness Month in Wisconsin

Governor Evers has proclaimed August 2019 as Child Support Awareness Month in Wisconsin in recognition of the important role the program plays in providing economic security for the state's children. Child support represents 58% of family income for children living in poverty. In 2018 alone, Wisconsin county child support agencies distributed \$648 million in support payments and provided services to 370,580 children and families.

"Supporting the Child Support Program is an effective investment in Wisconsin's future as the program increases self-sufficiency, reduces child poverty, and has a positive effect on kids' well-being," writes Governor Evers in the proclamation.

County child support agencies provide services and support to children as well as custodial and non-custodial parents that help reduce childhood poverty rates, establish parental rights and promote the involvement of both parents in the lives of their children. Children that receive child support are more likely to graduate high school and less likely to enter the criminal justice system.

"Child support is the unsung hero of economic security and social service programs," said WCSEA President Deb Barnes. "We thank Governor Evers for acknowledging the positive impact the child support program has on the lives of thousands of Wisconsin children and their families."

Wisconsin's Child Support Program is one of the most successful and cost-effective programs in the nation. For every dollar spent on the program, \$5.77 in support is collected.

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