



## **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 as Child Support Awareness Month in Wisconsin. This announcement comes as hundreds of child support professionals are set to gather in Milwaukee this week for the National Child Support Enforcement Association's Leadership Symposium for continuing education on leading child support issues.

The Wisconsin Child Support Program serves the state by assisting parents with children to establish and collect support, and by helping parents who do not have custody of their children prepare for and find employment. In doing so, county child support agencies benefit taxpayers by reducing public assistance spending for single parent families.

"Our children's well-being, economic security and success in life are enhanced by parents who provide financial and emotional support," writes Governor Walker in his proclamation. "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 providing services to both custodial and noncustodial parents."

Wisconsin's Child Support Program is one of the most efficient programs in the nation. During 2014, Child Support Agencies in Wisconsin collected approximately \$600 million in child support, collecting, on average, \$6.37 in support for every dollar invested in the program.

"Every child deserves to grow up with the resources necessary to lead a successful and productive life" says WCSEA President Janet Schutz Nelson. "Wisconsin can be proud of its Child Support Program - the efforts of our county child support agencies have established Wisconsin as one of the top four states in collecting current child support. We thank Governor Walker for his continued acknowledgment of the important role child support plays in providing critical financial support 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 [www.childsupport.wisconsin.gov](http://www.childsupport.wisconsin.gov) for more information.

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