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Summit County Child Support Enforcement Agency Announces Amnesty Event
Child Support Solutions offers driver's license reinstatement, warrant resolution

AKRON, OHIO – August 5, 2013 – Summit County Prosecuting Attorney Sherri Bevan Walsh today announced that the Summit County Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) will hold Child Support Solutions on Friday, August 16 and Saturday, August 17 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at The Job Center at 1040 East Tallmadge Avenue in Akron.

“Child Support Solutions is a great opportunity for anyone who’s struggling to make child support payments or who has questions regarding their case. It’s one-stop shopping to address your specific case issues and learn about the resources available to help you take financial responsibility,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “Parents can have one-on-one time with a case manager to discuss their case and what’s holding them back. Then they can access programs to help them overcome the common obstacles to payment, such as unemployment, criminal records and lack of formal education and training.”

At Child Support Solutions, case managers will be available to discuss payment arrangements and support modification. Attendees can take a quick, painless genetic paternity test to legally establish paternity. Parents who have their driver’s license suspended for failure to pay child support can reinstate their license. Those with outstanding child support-related warrants can get rid of their warrants without going to jail. Additionally, representatives from a multitude of federal, state and local agencies will be on hand to discuss the available resources to help attendees finish their education, get a new job and become a better parent.

“I strongly encourage anyone with a child support case in Summit County to attend Child Support Solutions. We will be providing many valuable services, and all of them are free,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “Even if you can’t pay the full amount that you owe, paying something is better than paying nothing. We will work with you to arrange a plan that works for you.”

Partner organizations offering their services at this event include the Summit County Sheriff’s Office, the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, the Summit County Executive’s Office, the Summit County Fiscal Office, the Department of Veterans Affairs, Fathers & Sons of Northeast Ohio, Man 2 Man, the Summit County Clerk of Courts, the Summit County Court of Common Pleas, Summit County Domestic Relations Court, The Job Center and Fame Fathers. Attendees should bring photo ID, current court orders and most recent pay stub or proof of unemployment. For questions and more information, including questions about outstanding warrants, please contact the Summit County Child Support Enforcement Agency at (330) 643-2765.

About CSEA

The Summit County Child Support Enforcement Agency collects nearly \$84 million annually and handles more than 51,000 child support cases. Each year it establishes support orders for approximately 4,000 children. Since its inception in 2001, the Criminal Non-Support program has collected more than \$30 million through its aggressive prosecution of individuals neglecting to pay child support. You can learn more about CSEA on its website: <http://co.summitoh.net/prosecutor/index.php/divisions/child-support-enforcement>.