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## August is Child Support Awareness Month

*One-Day Child Support Solutions Event Set for August 5, 2017*

AKRON, Ohio (Monday, July 24, 2017) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh announced today a major event in recognition of Child Support Awareness Month.

**WHAT:** Child Support Solutions Day

**WHERE:** City of Joy Life Enrichment Center

610 W. Exchange Street, Akron 44302

**WHEN:** Saturday, August 5, 2017

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

“Many families desperately need the support from a non-custodial parent just to survive. This event gives people who owe child support a chance to make things right,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “Child Support Solutions is for anyone who needs help making their child support payment. 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.”

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Child Support Solutions is a one-stop shop for people who need help with child support payments. 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 get their license back. Some parents can also see if they qualify for waiver and compromise of past due support owed to the state of Ohio. Additionally, representatives from a multitude of 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.

No criminal or civil warrants will be handled at the event. For questions and more information, including questions about outstanding warrants, please contact the Summit County Child Support Enforcement Agency at (330) 643-2765.

Partner organizations offering their services at this event include the Department of Veterans Affairs, Summit County Fatherhood Initiative, University of Akron Expungement Clinic, Akron Urban League, Ohio Means Jobs, College Now, Summit County Library, and Heart to Heart Family Support Center. Attendees should bring photo ID, current court orders and most recent pay stub or proof of unemployment.

Summit County CSEA will be joining CSEAs from across Ohio in wearing green on Wednesday August 2 in recognition of Child Support Awareness Month.

#### **About CSEA**

The Summit County Child Support Enforcement Agency collects nearly \$84 million annually and handles nearly 50,000 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 over \$40 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>.