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Child Support Awareness Month “Give Them Something Great to Imitate”

Sacramento, CA – The California Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) celebrates August as Child Support Awareness Month. This year, DCSS honors those parents who make the effort to be an exceptional example in the lives of their children by giving them something great to imitate.

"Children imitate the actions of those around them. From a young age, children observe the way parents behave, the decisions they make, how they solve problems, and the dedication they show to their family and friends," said Alisha Griffin, Director of DCSS. "We are proud to assist parents in setting positive examples that their children will emulate and pass on to future generations."

Last year, DCSS distributed \$1.5 billion in collections to 1.2 million California families. Making consistent and reliable child support payments to improve a child's quality of life is an ideal way to "give them something great to imitate." To help all parents set the best example for their children, DCSS offers a wide range of services to assist both mothers and fathers to be the best parents they can be.

To assist parents with past-due child support, the Compromise of Arrears Program (COAP) can arrange a compromise repayment to the state so parents who qualify may be able to settle the debt for less than the full amount they owe. For more details on COAP, visit our website at www.childsupport.ca.gov.

DCSS continues to make paying your child support even more convenient. Current options include paying online and by phone with a credit card or direct debit, through MoneyGram and PayNearMe at several retail locations, by mail, or at self-service kiosks at local child support agencies. For the closest locations call 866-901-3212.

To assist parents in managing their child support case, the Customer Connect portal allows parents access to their child support account to check balances, view payment history, see court dates and update information. To register with Customer Connect, visit www.childsupport.ca.gov.

To access child support services, a parent can complete an application online or in person at any child support services office in California. All services are free. Remember, children are inspired by what their parents do, so "Give Them Something Great to Imitate." *You*.





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