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### August Is Child Support Awareness Month in Delaware County

DELAWARE, Ohio — The Delaware County Commissioners have recognized August as Child Support Awareness Month. Additionally, they have honored the County's Child Support Enforcement Agency, which has again reaped "best of class" honors from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services' Office of Child Support.

"Ohio's child support program helps children get the financial and medical support they are legally entitled to and deserve," said Joyce Bowens, director of the Delaware County Child Support Enforcement Agency. "And Child Support programs encourage responsible parenting, family self-sufficiency and child well-being."

In Ohio, more than 1 million children are served by local child support agencies and it is estimated that the monies collected lower poverty by 25%. Child support is the second largest source of income for single-parent households, providing 39% of their income on average.

Last year in Delaware County, the CSEA collected \$25.4 million for 4,530 cases and they were able to collect on nearly 85% of current child-support obligations. As a result, they have received the award for Best Overall Performance in the Medium Caseload Division. They also earned awards for Best Performance in these categories: Paternity Establishment, Collections on Current Support, and Collections on Cases with Arrears.

For more information about the Delaware County CSEA, please visit their website at <https://childsupport.co.delaware.oh.us/>.

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