



## News Release

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### **State Honors Top Performing County Child Support Agencies for 2011**

SACRAMENTO – The California Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) recognized California's top performing local child support agencies (LCSAs) for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011, at its Statewide Directors Meeting.

The DCSS presented awards for LCSAs with the top overall performance, by caseload size, most improved performance on five federal performance measures, and dollars distributed directly to families.

DCSS presented honorees who attended the awards ceremony in Sacramento on Wednesday with framed certificates and letters of commendation.

"These awardees make California proud," said Interim DCSS Director Kathleen Hrepich. "Despite the challenges, these counties showed exceptional fortitude in meeting or exceeding their performance goals. Ultimately, it is California's families and children who benefit from these outstanding efforts."

The special "**Director's Excellence Award**" was presented to three counties: San Bernardino, Kern, and Napa for exceeding all federal performance measures.

Five counties were honored for **top overall performance**. They ranked highest among their caseload size for outstanding performance in all federal performance measures: San Diego (very large county), Ventura (large), Sonoma (medium), San Luis Obispo (small) and Marin (very small).

Five child support agencies showed the **most improvement** in overall performance, by caseload size: San Diego (very large county), Ventura (large), Butte (medium), Sierra/Nevada (small) and Marin (very small).

Ten local child support agencies recognized as the "**Top 10**" represent 4.9 percent of the state's caseload and collected nearly \$151.5 million that was distributed directly to families. They are: 1. San Luis Obispo, 2. Marin, 3. Humboldt, 3. Plumas, 5. Sierra/Nevada, 6. Ventura, 7. El Dorado, 8. Mariposa, 9. Sonoma and 10. Central Sierra (Amador/Alpine/Calaveras/Tuolumne).

This category recognizes the LCSA who **achieved the greatest percentage increase** over the prior year in collections distributed to families: Mariposa.

The California Department of Child Support Services and the 51 Local Child Support Agencies operate the largest child support system in the nation with approximately 1.4 million cases. In 2011, California's child support program collected and distributed more than \$2.2 billion.

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