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California Department of Child Support Services Sends Father's Day Message to All Parents

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This Father's Day, California Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) honors dads who make a powerful difference in the lives of their children. Being a dad can be the greatest job in the world and it's a great responsibility. To help make fatherhood a little easier, DCSS offers services and resources to establish paternity, settle outstanding child support and provides assistance navigating the child support process.

To help children take advantage of all of the benefits of having an established father, DCSS offers the Paternity Opportunity Program (POP). This program helps dads obtain a Declaration of Paternity, which includes several provisions for their children. For instance, the father's name is added to the child's birth certificate so he or she may be included on their father's health insurance plan to receive proper medical care, receive social security and/or veterans benefits and the right to inherit from their father. For more information on POP, visit the DCSS website:
<http://www.childsup.ca.gov/resources/establishpaternity.aspx>

To ensure fathers, and others, who have gotten behind on their child support obligation don't feel they cannot be a part of their children's lives because of outstanding debt, DCSS offers the Compromise of Arrears Program (COAP). This program gives those who owe past due child support to the state a chance to work through a compromise and forgiveness of a portion of their debt. To check your eligibility for COAP, call 866-901-3212 or stop by your local child support agency (LCSA) for a free evaluation. For more information on COAP, visit
<http://www.childsup.ca.gov/payments/compromiseofarrearsprogram.aspx>.

DCSS also offers services to parents who are not living together and who have either a private court order or informal child support arrangement. For these arrangements, DCSS tracks and records payments, offers legal guidance, provides free court filings and helps process modifications to existing orders. To find out how your LCSA can help you, find contact information here:
<http://www.childsup.ca.gov/home/lcsaoffices.aspx>.

Father's Day posters are available for downloading at
<http://www.childsup.ca.gov/resources/publications.aspx#fathersday>

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