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## State Awards Top Performance Among County Child Support Agencies

SACRAMENTO – The California Department of Child Support Services (DCSS), this week, presented awards to the local child support agencies that met or exceeded performance goals during federal fiscal year 2013.

“I congratulate each and every one of you for your deep commitment to putting children first,” said Kathleen Hrepich, Interim Director of DCSS, during the awards ceremony. “I am especially proud of the remarkable accomplishments of agencies we are here to honor, today.”

Hrepich presented the special **Director’s Excellence Award** to two local child support agencies: the Marin County Department of Child Support Services and the Monterey County Department of Child Support Services. For this award, recipient agencies exceeded all federal performance measures and met the state’s measure of increasing total distributed collections by 3 percent or more over the previous year.

The **Top Ten Award** for top overall performance in the five federal performance measures went to San Luis Obispo, Marin, Plumas, Sonoma, Ventura, El Dorado, Glenn and Lassen counties, as well as the Central Sierra region and the Sierra Nevada region. The Central Sierra Department of Child Support Services is made up of Alpine, Amador, Calaveras and Tuolumne counties.

Three agencies earned the **Director’s Challenge Award**, by meeting the challenge to increase distributed collections by five percent or more during the prior year. Those were the agencies serving Trinity, Plumas and Marin counties.

For agencies that increased distributed collections by the greatest percent in federal fiscal year 2013, over the previous three years, the department presented the **Distributed Collections Performance Award**. Agencies serving the following communities were selected for this new award from among others in their caseload size category: San Bernardino (Very Large), Kern (Large), Imperial (Medium), Madera (Small), and Marin (Very Small). The federal fiscal year runs from October 2012 through September 2013.

Also new this year, the department presented the **Superior Performance Award** which recognizes the one agency that met all of the department’s Strategic Plan goals early, a year before the five-year strategic plan period ends in September 2014. This honor went to the Marin County Department of Child Support Services.

The DCSS and the 51 local child support agencies operate the second largest child support system in the nation with 1.3 million cases in the California Child Support Program. In FFY 2013, California’s child support program collected and distributed more than \$2.3 billion in child support payments.

For details on award recipients, please see [Honorees](#). For details on the federal performance measures, please see the [Federal Performance Measures in a Nutshell](#) fact sheet. These materials are also available online in the DCSS Newsroom Web page at <http://www.childsup.ca.gov/Home/Newsroom.aspx>.

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