

Executive Department
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Child Support Awareness Month

The decision to bring a child into the world is one of the greatest commitments a person can make, and comes with obligations that are not always easy to fulfill. It is fitting that we do everything in our power to ensure that all parents are supporting their children to the utmost extent of their abilities.

The California Department of Child Support's mission is to enhance the well-being of children and the self-sufficiency of families by providing professional services to locate parents and establish and enforce orders for financial and medical support.

Child support services are available to the public through a network of county and regional child support agencies. County and state child support professionals work hard so that children can rely on their parents for the financial and medical support that they need.

During the month of August, parents who are behind in making their child support payments are encouraged to contact their local child support agency to make a payment, modify their child support order, obtain a repayment plan and explore other options for meeting their legal obligations.

I also encourage all Californians to reflect on our shared responsibility to support and nurture children, whose well-being today lays the foundation for tomorrow's great achievements. Providing child support services is one of the many ways we can help ensure a bright and prosperous future for our state.

Sincerely,


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