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CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH

The Miami County Commissioners have declared August 2016 as Child Support Awareness Month.

Commissioner John W. “Bud” O’Brien stated, “The Ohio child support program impacts more children than any other public program in Ohio, except public education. One in three children are affected by the program. Ohio bases its child support program on the fundamental belief that children deserve financial support. If children truly are our future, then it is imperative that the child support program aid in the healthy development of children, including the emotional and financial support of both parents.”

Commissioner John F. “Jack” Evans added, “The child support program ensures parents financially support their children when they are living apart. The program provides many important services, which include collecting child support for families, establishing the legal relationship between children and their parents, enforcing court orders and health insurance coverage.”

Miami County Job & Family Services Director, Teresa Brubaker, informed the Commission that “Ohio establishes paternity for more than 56,000 children born to unmarried parents each year. With nearly 954,000 cases, Ohio collects \$1.89 billion dollars per year on average. Child support is a growing source of income for single parent families, making up 39% of their total income. Employers collect nearly \$1.4 Billion in child support payments each year.

Locally, the Miami County Child Support Enforcement Agency has a caseload of 8,371 cases and collects \$ 15,058,120, per year. Miami County has the 26th largest caseload in the State of Ohio. We serve 10,397 children and 437 non-custodial parents.”

Commissioner Cultice concluded by saying, “August is Child Support Awareness Month and the Miami County Child Support Enforcement Agency recognizes that “Child Support is Key”. We applaud parents who are committed to the success of their children. During Child Support Awareness Month, we acknowledge and celebrate parents who provide positive emotional and financial foundations for their children. Love and support complete the child.”

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