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August is Child Support Awareness Month

(Woodland, CA) – August is national Child Support Awareness Month, an opportunity for Yolo County to acknowledge the vital role both parents play in providing financial and medical support to their children.

The Yolo County Department of Child Support Services provided services to approximately 8,000 children in federal fiscal year 2011 and collected more than \$13 million on their behalf. In addition to financial support, Yolo County's program can obtain a court order for parents to provide health insurance for their children.

“Both parents have an obligation to support their children both emotionally and financially,” said Yolo County Child Support Services Director Mark Jones. “Our goal is to work with families to provide the best outcomes for children.”

During the month of August, Yolo County Child Support Services will enhance its general community education efforts, including the use of automated telephone campaigns, and will continue to reach out to individuals who are delinquent in their child support.

“The current economic conditions in the state and nation create unique challenges for families,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Jim Provenza. “Yolo County Child Support Services understands this and encourages any person who is interested in learning more about the child support program, or who has an existing child support case and whose individual circumstances have changed to contact their office.”

Nationwide, the child support programs have had an impressive record of success along with ongoing program improvement. Since the passage of welfare reform in 1996, annual child support collections nationally have nearly tripled from \$11 billion to \$30 billion, providing important economic security to many children and families. The program removes about one million people from poverty each year and helps families stay off of various public assistance programs.

For more information on Yolo County Child Support Services programs, call (866)-901-3212

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