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Child Support Workshop in August Part of Child Support Awareness Month

(Woodland, CA) – “Children are the best part of ourselves – the sum of our past and the promise of our future, the guarantee that our lives and values and dreams will flourish long after we are gone.” With that statement, then President Bill Clinton made an official proclamation in 1995 that recognized the month of August as Child Support Awareness Month.

Child Support Awareness Month is a time to salute parents who work hard to ensure their children grow up in stable homes and look forward to a bright future. It is also a time to help remind parents who are not always present that they are an important part of their children’s lives.

The mission of the Yolo County Department of Child Support Services is to enhance the well-being of children and the self-sufficiency of families by providing child support services to anyone who wants or needs them. The department is a neutral agency and does not represent either parent, but instead works to ensure that the child’s best interests are met in terms of financial support. Last year, the department, along with local child support agencies throughout the state, collected and distributed more than \$2.3 billion in child support on behalf of 1.4 million children and families that participate in the California Child Support Program.

“Children who receive support from both parents tend to do better in school and tend to have fewer behavioral problems throughout their lives,” said Natalie Dillon, director, Yolo County Department of Child Support Services. “This support comes in many forms; emotional, mental and financial.”

This year, as part of Child Support Awareness Month, the Yolo County Department of Child Support Services, located at 100 West Court Street (corner of Court and California) in Woodland, will host the following workshops designed to help parents who are obligated to pay child support, as well as those receiving support. Throughout the month, the department is also helping non-custodial parents through a special program to “Get Back on Track” which assists them with suspended licenses.

Compromise of Arrears Program Workshop (Learn if you are eligible to eliminate some of your child support debt when support is owed to the government to repay the cost of public assistance)

Saturday, August 9 at 10:00 a.m. or Tuesday, August 19 at 10:00 a.m.

Modification Workshops (Learn about circumstances in which an existing child support order may be modified)

Monday, August 11 at 3:00 p.m. or Monday, August 25 at 6:00 p.m.

General information about California's Child Support Services Program is available at: www.childsup.ca.gov and over the phone 1-866-901-3212. General information about the Yolo County Department of Child Support Services is available at: www.yolocountychildsupport.org.

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