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Op-Ed: August is Child Support Awareness Month

By Yolo County Department of Child Support Services Director Natalie Dillon

(Woodland, CA) – In August, as we recognize Child Support Awareness Month, the Yolo County Department of Child Support Services encourages all parents to remember, "Your support shapes their future."

The importance of parents who invest in their children by giving them the financial and emotional support they need not only to survive, but also to thrive, cannot be overstated. You encourage growth when you take time to play a game, bake cookies, help with homework, go fishing or let them help in the yard. With each moment, you are unlocking their passions, inspiring ideas and helping them discover their strengths.

For the parents of the approximately 7,000 children served by Yolo County, that also means receiving help from California's Child Support Program, which collected and distributed over \$13 million in child support during federal fiscal year 2015.

During Child Support Awareness Month, I encourage each of us to look to the future – our children. Working together, we can create opportunities that ensure their success, which will lead to a better future for all.

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



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