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Ms. Marty Garrity, Director
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State Capitol Room 315
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Dear Ms. Garrity:

In compliance with Arkansas Code Ann. § 25-10-118, we are submitting a semi-annual report on the performance and progress of the Child Support Program for the period of January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

If you need additional information or have questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Williams", with a long, sweeping underline.

Barbara Morris-Williams
Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Larry Walther, Cabinet Secretary
Alan McVey, Chief of Staff and Chief Fiscal Officer
Charlie Collins, Commissioner of Revenue
Paul Gehring, Assistant Commissioner of Revenue

**Semi-Annual Report of Child Support Program
January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023**

The following information is submitted in compliance with Arkansas Code Ann. §25-10-118 and summarizes certain activities of the Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) for the six-month period ending June 30 2022.

- A. **Hospital Based Paternity Acknowledgment** - This program was established in October 1993 to provide information to unwed parents, while still in the hospital for childbirth, of the benefits of establishing paternity. Hospital staff assists them in completion of the necessary paperwork to acknowledge paternity if that is the parent's desire.

Paternity Acknowledgments Received

<u>01/01/22-06/30/22</u>	<u>01/01/23-06/30/23</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
4,788	5,271	10.09%

- B. **License Suspension Program** - The Office of Child Support Enforcement is authorized to suspend driver's licenses, game and fish licenses, professional and business licenses, and vehicle tags of non-custodial parents if certain conditions exist on a case.

Driver's Licenses Suspended

<u>01/01/22-06/30/22</u>	<u>01/01/23-06/30/23</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
3,271	2,891	-11.62%

Game and Fish Licenses Suspended

<u>01/01/22-06/30/22</u>	<u>01/01/23-06/30/23</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
922	799	-13.34%

Professional/Business Licenses Suspended

<u>01/01/22-06/30/22</u>	<u>01/01/23-06/30/23</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
446	389	-12.78%

Vehicle Tags Suspended

<u>01/01/22-06/30/22</u>	<u>01/01/23-06/30/23</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
285	304	6.67%

C. Enforcement

	<u>01/01/22-06/30/22</u>	<u>01/01/23-06/30/23</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Enforcement Cases	156,447	153,618	-1.80%
New Cases Opened	20,935	18,333	-12.43%

D. Collections

	<u>01/01/22-06/30/22</u>	<u>01/01/23-06/30/23</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Enforcement Collections	\$137,370,055	\$139,179,291	1.32%
Non-Enforcement Collections	\$13,273,486	\$11,913,790	-10.24%
Total Collections	\$150,643,541	\$151,093,081	0.30%