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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 July 1, 2023, through December 31, 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', is positioned above the typed name.

Barbara Morris-Williams
Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Jim Hudson, 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
July 1, 2023 through December 31, 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 December 31, 2023.

- 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>07/01/22 - 12/31/22</u> | <u>07/01/23 - 12/31/23</u> | <u>Percent Change</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 5,530 | 5,334 | -3.55% |

- 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>07/01/22 - 12/31/22</u> | <u>07/01/23 - 12/31/23</u> | <u>Percent Change</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2,920 | 2,939 | 0.65% |

Game and Fish Licenses Suspended

| <u>07/01/22 - 12/31/22</u> | <u>07/01/23 - 12/31/23</u> | <u>Percent Change</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 832 | 826 | -0.72% |

Professional/Business Licenses Suspended

| <u>07/01/22 - 12/31/22</u> | <u>07/01/23 - 12/31/23</u> | <u>Percent Change</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 463 | 458 | -1.08% |

Vehicle Tags Suspended

| <u>07/01/22 - 12/31/22</u> | <u>07/01/23 - 12/31/23</u> | <u>Percent Change</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 307 | 352 | 14.66% |

C. Enforcement

| | <u>07/01/22 - 12/31/22</u> | <u>07/01/23 - 12/31/23</u> | <u>Percent Change</u> |
|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Enforcement Cases | 153,370 | 139,725 | -8.90% |
| New Cases Opened | 18,520 | 19,132 | 3.30% |

D. Collections

| | <u>07/01/22 - 12/31/22</u> | <u>07/01/23 - 12/31/23</u> | <u>Percent Change</u> |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Enforcement Collections | \$129,370,149 | \$130,654,232 | 1.00% |
| Non-Enforcement Collections | \$12,515,246 | \$11,097,413 | -11.33% |
| Total Collections | \$141,885,395 | \$141,751,645 | -0.10% |