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Clermont Ending Child Support Payments at Local Office

Batavia, Ohio. Effective Tuesday, December 1, 2009, the Clermont County Child Support Enforcement (CSE) division of the Department of Job and Family Services (DJFS) will no longer accept payments for child support. "Because of budget cuts throughout our agency, we will no longer be able to serve as a conduit for these payments," said CSE Director Brenda Gilreath.

Beginning in December, child support payments must be made by personal check, money order, traveler's check or cashier's check and made payable to Ohio Child Support Payment Central (OCSPC), P.O. Box 182372, Columbus, Ohio 43218-2372; other payment options available through the centralized Columbus collection unit include www.ExpertPay.com (a Web site that allows those making payments to use a debit card) and www.e-childsPay.com (a Web site that accepts Master Card and Discover payments). To ensure prompt payment and accurate posting to the individual's child support case, payments should include name, social security number, SETS number, and/or court number.

The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act requires all states to operate a state disbursement unit for collection and disbursement of support payments from a single physical location. The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services operates the state disbursement unit, OCSPC.

"Those employers who have 50 or more employees are required to make child support payments electronically," added Gilreath. Guidelines for remitting payments are available on the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Web site at www.jfs.ohio.gov/ocs and on the Clermont CSE Web site www.ClermontSupportsKids.org. You may also call the Clermont CSE office at (513) 732-7248 for assistance.

Employer payments sent to the Clermont County CSE office after December 1, 2009 will be returned to the employer.

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