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Pay Now, Or Face Jail Later

Batavia, Ohio. Clermont County Child Support Enforcement (CSE), a division of the Department of Job and Family Services, will again offer an amnesty program during the month of July for parents behind in child support payments. The program is also an opportunity for individuals who have legal or administrative action pending against them for failure to pay, to contact CSE and make arrangements to support their children.

“From July 1 through July 31, 2008, parents who are delinquent in making child support payments can contact CSE and arrange to bring their accounts up-to-date,” said CSE Deputy Director Brenda Gilreath. Those who make a significant payment toward the arrearage, or who supply CSE with employment information (from which a wage assignment can be completed) will be considered for the amnesty offer. Individuals who are wanted for felony non-support of dependents are **not** eligible for the amnesty program.

As a result of the July 2007 amnesty program, 114 calls were received about the offer, and \$60,617 was collected. The program is offered each year, prior to August increased efforts by law enforcement to locate delinquent parents. In 2007, 149 individuals behind in their payments owed in excess of \$1,616,405 in support to 185 children; by the end of the year, \$93,539 was collected on behalf of these children.

If you would like further information about the program, contact the Clermont County Child Support Enforcement Agency at (513) 732-7248.

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