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August is Child Support Awareness Month

The month of August 2013 is being proclaimed Child Support Awareness month in jurisdictions across California. This year marks the thirteenth annual observance of Child Support Awareness Month (CSAM) in California.

Child support invests in California's future. California's child support services program works with parents whether they are paying or receiving child support, to ensure that children and families receive court-ordered financial and medical support. The child support program increases family self-sufficiency, reduces child poverty, and has a positive effect on children's educational achievement.

"Children are our future. Supporting our state's children today will guarantee they have a rewarding and productive future. It is essential that parents contribute to their children's success through child support." said California's Governor Jerry Brown this week regarding Child Support Awareness Month. "Child Support is about more than the financial and medical coverage-child support is one of the many ways parents express their love and support for their children."

The focus of the 2013 Child Support Awareness Month in Inyo and Mono Counties is on collections for families. During August, local Child Support offices are running the Get Back on the Road Campaign. Persons owing past due child support who have lost a driver's or other professional license are being encouraged to stop by one of two branch offices in Bishop or Mammoth Lakes to make a payment in exchange for a license release.

Susanne Rizo, Director of Eastern Sierra Department of Child Support Services, said, "New this year, we are also starting a Back to School Payment Campaign in which we have targeted those cases with school aged children. Persons owing support in those cases are being asked to make a payment or a larger payment during the month of August. We know that child support payments positively impact a child's personal and educational success. As a new school year approaches families need money to purchase clothing, school supplies, and more. Flyers have been sent to our cases with school aged children to request a payment or greater payment during the month of August. Child support staff have donated two new backpacks filled with school supplies to raffle off at the end of the month. To qualify to win one of two new backpacks filled with school supplies, a payment needs to be received in the month of August."

The professionals at Eastern Sierra Child Support are steadfastly committed to improving the quality of life of children and families in Inyo and Mono Counties. For more information, or to obtain branch locations and hours, please contact us at (866) 901-3212 or visit the Inyo or Mono Child Support webpage at www.inyocounty.us or www.monocounty.ca.gov

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