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DES to Participate in Maricopa County Superior Court Child Support Arrest Workshop

Arrest Warrants Quashed in Exchange for Child Support Payments

PHOENIX – In partnership with the Maricopa County Superior Court, the DES Divisions of Child Support Services (DCSS) and Employment and Rehabilitation Services (DERS) are participating in a Child Support Arrest Workshop event tomorrow, August 19th at 9:00a.m. It will be held in the South Court Tower's Jury Assembly Room located at 175 W. Madison St. in Phoenix.

In exchange for paying one full month of child support and participating in future hearings, the Court will quash arrest warrants for obligors. Anyone with a child support arrest warrant may attend the event, with zero risk of arrest.

"DCSS welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with the Maricopa County Superior Court in assisting responsible parents to financially care for their children," said DCSS Director Gerald Richard. "Together we are making a better future for Arizona."

Both Divisions will host a resource table alongside Court staff and other community social services providers onsite, such as Father Matters, Goodwill of Arizona and Native American Fatherhood and Families Association. DCSS will assist by taking payments, child support applications and modification documents. Colleagues from DERS, along with some of the other community partners, will offer aide with employment resources, resume assistance, job and interview preparation, and transportation. Arizona Attorney General staff will also be present.

The first workshop held in February of this year, attracted 95 attendees and resulted in 48 quashed arrest warrants. Child support payments in the amount of \$16,691.75 were also collected. These payments waived a total of \$123,162.57 in arrears.

For questions regarding the event, please contact Maricopa County's Media Relations Director, Karen Arra, at 602.506.7570 or Vincent Funari, Public Information Officer, at 602.506.7032.

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