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Arapahoe County earns accolades for child support and celebrates National Child Support Month in August

Littleton, Colo. --- Arapahoe County joins with the National Child Support Enforcement Association to celebrate National Child Support Month in August.

National Child Support Month honors the 60,000 child support professionals across the country who are committed to making a difference in the lives of children through their work, and salutes parents who support their children emotionally and financially.

Recently, Arapahoe County's Child Support Enforcement Division received the Certificate of Excellence for meeting all 10 performance indicators set by the IV-D Task Force. Arapahoe County was the only large county in Colorado to meet all 10.

The performance indicators strive for establishing paternity for all children, establishing and ensuring financial support for children, ensuring that children have medical coverage and that the program is operated in an effective, efficient and customer-focused manner.

In addition to the County's recognition, several staff members earned special acknowledgement.

Greg Cowan from Human Services was nominated for the Excellence in Service Award, County Attorney employees Cathy Dollar and Catherine Skarbowski were nominated for the Meritorious Service Award, and Rachel Leone was nominated for the Outstanding Attorney Award. Carol Wiggins received the Lump Sum-Large County Award for her work on a \$449,000 lump sum she secured while working for El Paso County. Patty Dunn received a Certificate of Nomination for her lump sum of roughly \$72,000 while she was with Arapahoe County.

"We are very pleased and proud of the recognition that Arapahoe County received," said Commissioner Rod Bockenfeld. "The staff have done an outstanding job and deserve to be recognized."

These awards and nominations were well earned and exemplify the hard work of the Child Support Enforcement Division, which strives to help strengthen families and reduce welfare dependency by ensuring that parents live up to the responsibility of supporting their children. If you need assistance with child support enforcement, call 720-874-8758 for more information or visit www.co.arapahoe.co.us.

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