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CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES EXPANDS TO NORTH COUNTY *New Case Orientations in Vista Starting January, 2003*

The County of San Diego, Department of Child Support Services is expanding its community outreach efforts to include North County. Starting January 7, 2003, the Department will offer a New Case Orientation on the first Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m. in the Vista Library located at 700 Eucalyptus Ave.

The New Case Orientation is designed to assist parents in establishing a child support case or enforcing an existing child support order. In addition to receiving information about the child support process, North County parents will have an opportunity to speak with child support workers face-to-face without the necessity of traveling to the courthouse in downtown San Diego.

"We've conducted orientation downtown for a number of years, but this expansion will make it easier for North County parents to attend and get their child support case going," said Dr. Thomas Boardman, Jr., Director of the County's Department of Child Support Services. "It's our goal to reach parents throughout the county to better serve the children of San Diego."

Additional expansion efforts into the South Bay and East County communities are planned for later in 2003.

Fifth District Supervisor Bill Horn said, "We've worked hard to bring County services to people in North County such as the Child Assessment Network North (CANN). Offering New Case Orientations by the County's Department of Child Support Services in Vista is another way that allows North County people to be served in North County."

Those interested in attending the orientation must first call the Department of Child Support Services at 619-236-7600 or 866-230-CARE to request an application. Parents will be seen on a walk-in basis -- no reservations or appointments are necessary.

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