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## **COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES HONORED BY STATE**

*San Diego Earns Three Out of Five Statewide Awards*

The County of San Diego Department of Child Support Services has been honored this year as the top agency in the state of California in three of five federal standard performance categories for “very large” counties. State Child Support Director Curtis Child presented the awards at the Child Support Directors Association meeting in Sacramento earlier this month.

Among the child support agencies representing the six largest counties in the state, San Diego was recognized in the areas of paternity establishment; improvement in the percentage of current support collected compared to support owed; and percentage of cases with court orders established. Orange County Child Support Services captured honors in the two remaining categories. Counties making up the “very large” category in the state include San Diego, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento and San Bernardino and together account for 60% of all child support monies collected in California.

In the federal fiscal year that ended September 30, San Diego distributed a record \$157.1 million to families seeking child support. The department, which manages nearly 140,000 active cases, achieved the federal standard of collecting at least 40% of current child support owed for the first time ever.

“These awards are a tribute to the dedication of the more than 700 child support staff in San Diego,” said department director Thomas Boardman. “This staff has met many challenges over the past two years to improve the service we provide to San Diego families.”

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