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Arapahoe County receives national award for child support services *Division recognized as most outstanding program in the nation*

Aurora, Colo. – Arapahoe County’s Child Support Enforcement Division recently was recognized as the best program of its kind in the nation.

The Division received the 2013 Outstanding Program of the Year Award in August from the [National Child Support Enforcement Association](#), a non-profit professional association of public and private agencies and professionals. The award recognizes a state, regional, tribal or county program that ‘consistently and comprehensively exemplifies the best in child support enforcement’ through an outstanding record of performance and effective services to its community.

“Arapahoe County’s Child Support Division has been quietly innovating and improving services for years, and it is an honor that these efforts have been recognized by a national association of their peers,” said Arapahoe County Commissioner Nancy Sharpe. “Despite record-high caseloads, the team has consistently met goals and delivered creative programs that help parents overcome barriers to supporting their children.”

Earlier this year, the Division received its third Certificate of Excellence from the Colorado Department of Human Services for meeting every required performance measure. Arapahoe County was the only large county in Colorado to meet every goal in 2012. The team of 60 employees served a record-high 14,339 cases in 2012 and collected more than \$35 million in support for children.

“We all know how important child support payments are for the well-being of many families, and at times this is the only thing that keeps a family from falling into poverty,” said 18th Judicial District Chief Judge William Blair Sylvester. “On behalf of all the children and families who benefit from this either directly or indirectly, thank you.”

The Child Support Enforcement Division has designed and implemented many innovative programs that help to educate parents about child support, foster communication and strong parenting skills, and help clients to achieve economic security. The Division offers free mediation services, parenting and relationship classes and job search assistance and training. It has also implemented an early intervention program and an arrears payment process that are being replicated statewide.

“Our team is so honored to be recognized for the ways in which we help families to eliminate poverty in children’s lives,” said Child Support Enforcement Division Manager Bob Prevost. “It is a privilege to create positive change in our system that directly benefits children and families in our community.”

For more information about Arapahoe County's child support services, please call 303-752-8900 or visit www.arapahoegov.com.

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CSEAward.jpg: Arapahoe County's Child Support Enforcement Division was recognized as the most outstanding program in the nation by the National Child Support Enforcement Association.

CSEwithBoard.jpg: Arapahoe County Child Support Enforcement Division received the 2013 Outstanding Program of the Year Award from the National Child Support Enforcement Association.

Pictured (left to right): Commissioners Rod Bockenfeld and Nancy Jackson, Child Support Enforcement Division Manager Bob Prevost, Commissioner Nancy Doty, Human Services Director Cheryl Ternes, Commissioners Bill Holen and Nancy Sharpe.