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**Child Support Awareness Day**  
***Strengthening Families and Communities***  
*Division of Child Support Enforcement invites the entire family to participate*

Winchester, Va. (August 10, 2017) - On Saturday, August 12 the Virginia Department of Social Services' [Division of Child Support Enforcement](#) (DCSE) will celebrate Child Support Awareness Day at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Route 11 Yard Crawl, which will be held from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church located at 810 Fairfax Pike, Stephens City, VA. 22655.

Child Support Awareness Day aims to raise public awareness about child support and the services DCSE offers. The event coincides with national Child Support Awareness Month and is a component of CSE's outreach efforts designed to increase its presence in the community, promote accessibility and provide information regarding services available to parents and other parties involved or interested in child support.

"DCSE's commitment to children in Virginia extends beyond collecting child support dollars on their behalf," said Craig Burshem, Deputy Commissioner of DCSE. "Every child needs support. However, barriers such as substance misuse, incarceration, and unemployment may impact a parent's ability to provide critical support to their children. We want all Virginians to know that DCSE has resources to help parents overcome such barriers, and facilitate successful outcomes for themselves and their children."

With one in five children in Virginia involved in a child support case, DCSE is raising awareness about programs and services that help families. DCSE will be on-site to share information and answer basic questions about child support and other programs in Virginia. DCSE continues to enhance services such as family engagement, fatherhood initiatives, re-entry programs and realistic support orders, and is committed to working with community partners in helping parents meet the financial and emotional support children need to thrive.

DCSE will also continue to refer parents to mediation or agency partners for help in reaching resolve-oriented outcomes and improving communication.

In the last fiscal year, DCSE managed more than 310,000 cases and collected more than \$659 million in support on behalf of Virginia's children. Child support helps provide funds for food, shelter, education, clothing, and other costs involved in raising and nurturing children.

To learn more, visit <http://www.dss.virginia.gov/family/dcse/>.

