# Co-Parenting is vital to maintaining a healthy relationship with your child.

## **Child Support**

reduces the child poverty rate and improves the child's overall well-being.

## **Child Support in Virginia**

In the last fiscal year, the DCSE managed more than 310,000 cases and collected more than \$659 million 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. Meeting the needs of these families requires the dedication of child support professionals across the Commonwealth.

## How YOU can better support Virginia's children



#### **APPLY FOR CHILD SUPPORT**

To establish or inquire about child support, visit www.dss.virginia.gov/family/dcse/ or call (800) 468-8894.



## MAKE A CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT

- MyChildSupport mychildsupport.dss.virginia.gov
- TouchPay
   Kiosks are located in DCSE district offices
- Mail
   P.O. Box 570, Richmond, VA 23218-0570
- MoneyGram
   Located in most CVS and Walmart stores



#### **CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES**

Visit dss.virginia.gov and click Child Support for details about how DCSE can assist you.



#### **DCSE DISTRICT OFFICES**

Visit www.dss.virginia.gov/family/dcseoffices.cgi for a complete listing of our offices.



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## EVERY CHILD NEEDS SUPPORT

Virginia's children need both financial and family support to grow and thrive. Children with actively involved parents perform better in school, have higher self-confidence, and generally achieve greater success in life.

The Division of Child Support Enforcement (DCSE) is committed to helping parents support their children by focusing on more than just money. DCSE offers free family engagement services focusing on access and visitation, responsible parenting, employment assistance, and prisoner reentry.

## DCSE Helps Parents Support Their Children



#### **Parents**

DCSE staff is available to guide each parent through the child support process, ensuring fair and consistent obligations based on individual circumstances and needs.

DCSE services include:

- Locating absent parents
- Helping establish paternity
- **Enforcing support orders**
- Upon request, reviewing and modifying support orders as family circumstances change over time
- Supporting co-parenting through programs that focus on access, visitation, and responsible parenting
- Referring parents to mediation or agency partners for help in resolving disputes and improving communication

### Family Engagement

Family engagement services help families to be successful by strengthening bonds between parents and children. Our top priority is promoting the well-being of children.

Working with our community partners, we help parents overcome barriers such as:

- Lack of job skills
- Unemployment
- **Previous incarceration**
- Substance misuse
- Mental health
- Housing instability
- Custody and visitation disputes

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- · View payment history
- Generate income verification report
- Check arrears balance



One in five children in Virginia is involved in a child support case.