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SLO COUNTY RANKS HIGHEST IN STATE FOR CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA—San Luis Obispo County has the top performing child support services agency in the state, according to a recent report by the California Department of Child Support Services to the state legislature.

Last week, the state department reported its annual rankings to the state legislature and declared the San Luis Obispo County Department of Child Support Services the No. 1 ranked county statewide on child support services performance goals during fiscal year 2014. The department has been the top-ranked child support department in the state for the last nine consecutive years.

“We work to help strengthen families in San Luis Obispo County, and this award just goes to show that the Department of Child Support Services staff is consistently efficient, hard-working and successful at what we do,” said Child Support Services Director Julie S. Paik.

San Luis Obispo County ranked first out of 51 local child support enforcement agencies in the state for overall performance in [five federal performance measures](#), which include paternity establishment percentage, percentage of cases with a child support order, current collections performance, arrearage collections performance, and cost effectiveness.

“Our primary mission is to ensure the self-sufficiency of families in San Luis Obispo County, and now that the economy is improving, our services are improving as well,” Paik said. “About one-third to half of the children and single parents that we serve are currently on welfare. So if we collect child support for them, they can get off welfare and hopefully be more financially self-sufficient. We’re able to help parents who owe child support get the jobs they need to support their children.”

SLO County child support services are available to the public and the local child support enforcement agency currently serves 3,900 children and families. County and state child support professionals work together so that children in the system can rely on their parents for the financial and medical support they need to be healthy and successful.

For more information about the County Child Support Services Department, visit www.slocounty.ca.gov/css.htm.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

The San Luis Obispo County Department of Child Support Services works to enhance the well-being of local children and the self-sufficiency of families by ensuring that they receive the support to which they are entitled by law. Staff works with families to encourage both parents to be involved in their child’s life, but the department may, in some cases, prosecute individuals who willfully refuse to support their children. The department also establishes paternity through genetic testing and locates non-custodial parents and custodial parties to establish, enforce, and distribute child and medical support. For more information, visit www.slocounty.ca.gov/css.htm.

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