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### **Hamilton County Child Support Amnesty Week, Aug. 21-25**

- **Making a difference for kids at the start of the school year**
- **2,300 with arrest warrants get a chance to possibly avoid jail**

About 2,300 Hamilton County area parents with warrants for their arrest for non-payment of child support will have a chance to possibly avoid jail. This opportunity comes during Amnesty Week, Aug. 21-25, at 800 Broadway St., downtown Cincinnati. The first-time offering will provide money for children as the school year begins.

Amnesty Week benefits both parents and children. It gives parents who have not made regular support payments a chance to get back on track. And it brings money to children when they start the school year.

**Who:** Any parent with a warrant issued by a magistrate from Hamilton County Juvenile Court connected to his or her child support case

**What:** Hamilton County Child Support Amnesty Week

**Where:** 800 Broadway, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor reception desk (Juvenile Court)

**When:** Aug. 21-25, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. each day

**Why:** Give those with warrants a chance to avoid arrest

**How:** Parents will go in front of a magistrate who will hear their case immediately. They should call 946-SETS for questions about their case. (Letters were sent in July instructing them to do this.)

Hamilton County is holding Amnesty Week as part of Child Support Awareness Month. In 2004, Hamilton County held a successful Amnesty Day for those whose licenses had been suspended for non-payment. It resulted in \$25,000 in collections and 107 income withholdings established.

The Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services offers an array of social service programs, such as child support, child protection, adult protection, food stamps, Medicaid, cash assistance, welfare-to-work and subsidized child care. For more information, please visit [www.hcjfs.org](http://www.hcjfs.org).

The agency's Child Support division collected more than \$155 million in 2005. It handled an average of more than 90,000 cases.

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