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**Hamilton County's Child Support Enforcement Agency
Issues Annual Most Wanted Poster**

Cincinnati (Aug. 9, 2007) Seven men and one woman who owe more than \$589,000 to 24 children are depicted on the latest Most Wanted poster issued by the Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services.

"These are the toughest of the toughest to find," said Jeffrey Startzman, assistant director of the county's Child Support Enforcement Agency, a division within the Department of Job and Family Services. "The majority of parents pay their child support with no problem. Then there's the group that pays sparingly, but we know where they are and can take enforcement action against them. This is the group that doesn't pay and we have not been able to locate them."

Startzman said this is one more chance for the citizens of Hamilton County to step up and say they won't stand for parents who force the taxpayers to support their children. Last year's poster was so successful, all eight parents were rounded up in five months and a second poster was issued.

"Children who don't get their support often end up needing public assistance just to have the basic necessities of life," he said. "We're very fortunate in this community to have residents who come forward with a steady stream of tips every time we issue a poster."

Most Wanted posters include the person's photo, name, age, last-known address and occupation, number of children and amount owed.

Donte Barron, whose last known address was on Idlewild Avenue, owes the most of all those depicted on the poster. He owes more than \$133,000 to six children.

Former Cincinnati Bengal Darney Scott is also on the poster. He owes \$54,000 to one child.

The others depicted owe between \$13,000 and \$119,000.

To appear on a Most Wanted poster, the whereabouts of the absent parent must be unknown and the parent with custody of the children must sign a waiver. In addition, a person must have a child support-related warrant.

The Child Support Enforcement Agency sent the posters to community partners, post offices and tax preparation services throughout the Tristate area.

The Department's Child Support Enforcement Agency handles about 95,000 cases right now. Last year, it collected \$155 million for families that might not otherwise have had the financial support necessary to pay for such items as food, medical care, child care, school clothes and school supplies. Many of the children who do not receive child support turn to public assistance, with taxpayers providing financial support.

In addition to the Most Wanted poster, Hamilton County Child Support uses a variety of tools to collect child support, including freezing and seizing funds from bank accounts, intercepting tax refunds and suspending licenses.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of someone on the poster can call the Sheriff's Office at 946-5350. Also, more parents wanted for failing to pay child support can be found at www.hcso.org. Choose Deadbeats from the Public Services menu. Tipsters can remain anonymous.

About Hamilton County's Department of Job and Family Services

The Department of Job and Family Services administers federal, state and local programs for those in need. The Department helps with local child protection, adult protection, child care, tuberculosis control, child support enforcement, workforce development, cash assistance, food stamp disbursement and Medicaid coverage. Servicing Hamilton County since 1947, the Department helps hundreds of thousands of residents each year. The Department of Job and Family Services is accredited by the Council on Accreditation, an international, independent, not-for-profit child and family service accrediting organization.