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**Hamilton County's Child Support Enforcement Agency  
Issues Second "Most Wanted" Poster of Year**

**Cincinnati (April 19, 2007)** Seven men and one woman who owe a combined \$563,200 to 24 children are depicted on the latest Most Wanted poster issued by the Hamilton County Department of Job and Family Services.

This is the second poster issued this year – the first time the county has ever issued two posters in one year. All eight depicted on this year's earlier poster were rounded up within five months of the poster's August release.

"We're very hopeful concerned citizens of this county will respond as enthusiastically to this poster as they did the first," said Jeffrey Startzman, assistant director of the county's Child Support Enforcement Agency, a division within the Department of Job and Family Services. "No one likes to see children go without the support they need to lead decent lives. Public taxpayers are not going to do the job of these deadbeat parents. Let's hold them accountable."

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

Theodore Nix owes the largest amount of the parents depicted on the poster. He owes nearly \$180,000 to one child. His previous occupation is listed as football player and his last known address was in Columbus. Joseph Simpson, whose previous occupation is listed as driver, owes more than \$130,000 to five children. His last known address was Compton Road in Cincinnati.

The others owe between \$21,000 and \$88,000.

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.

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 warrant for

failure to appear in court, something that occurs after all non-criminal attempts to collect the support have failed.

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

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](http://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 disbursement. 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.