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**Hamilton County's Child Support Enforcement Agency Offers Chance  
for Non-paying Parents to Regain Driver's Licenses**

**Cincinnati (Aug. 1, 2007)** Hamilton County's Child Support Enforcement Agency is willing to play Let's Make a Deal next month with parents who have an outstanding history of not paying child support.

More than 13,000 parents in Hamilton County currently have their driver's licenses suspended because they have failed to pay their child support. In the month of August – Child Support Awareness Month – those parents have the chance to regain their licenses by contacting the agency and making arrangements to re-start child support payments.

“Come back in and get plugged back into the system,” said Jeffrey Startzman, assistant director of the Child Support Enforcement Agency, a division of the Department of Job and Family Services. “If you show an effort, if you tell us you are ready and willing to again be a responsible parent, we're ready and willing to work with you to get your license back.”

The agency has long used its authority to deny licenses as one of its tools to collect unpaid child support. Usually, a parent must make full payment or have 30 days worth of payments from garnishing paychecks or a bank account before the license is returned.

Other tools include suspending professional licenses, garnishing wages, freezing and seizing funds from bank accounts and intercepting tax refunds.

The 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.

**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.