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**One More Day of Amnesty on Child Support Warrants**

**Cincinnati (Aug. 20, 2008)** More than 3,000 local residents who have child support-related warrants issued through Hamilton County's Juvenile and Domestic Relations courts have one more day to take advantage of amnesty this week and re-engage with the child support system without penalty.

Hamilton County's Department of Job and Family Services, along with the courts, is offering amnesty throughout this week to those with child support-related warrants. To participate, just show up at the Juvenile Courthouse, 800 Broadway, and make arrangements to start paying on delinquent support.

Those who have had their driver's licenses suspended for failure to pay child support have until the end of the month to take advantage of amnesty and have their license reinstated. More than 16,000 Hamilton County residents are in this situation. For more information on either initiative, call 946-1000.

"We would really like to see people take advantage of this, come down and get plugged back into the system," said Moira Weir, director of the Department of Job and Family Services, which oversees the Child Support Enforcement Agency. "For us, it is always better to have someone providing support to their children than sitting in jail or at home because they cannot drive to work."

Hamilton County's Child Support Enforcement Agency handles about 88,000 cases a year. Last year, it collected \$154 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 amnesty offers, Hamilton County Child Support uses a variety of tools to collect child support, including a Most Wanted poster, intercepting tax returns, denying passports, freezing and seizing funds from bank accounts, and suspending licenses.

**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, 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.