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## News Release

### Union County DSS Collected More than \$10 Million in Child Support

**July 8, 2014, Monroe, NC** – Union County Division of Social Services (DSS) Child Support Enforcement (CSE) was one of only 11 county CSE units to meet all five N.C. Division of Social Services performance standards for FY 2014. Union County also passed all self-assessment goals for FY 2014.

"I am very proud of the hard work that took place with all our staff and partners, including CSE staff, contract attorneys – Hucks & Regan, Union County DSS, Union County judges and clerks, Union County government, Job-Link and all our other partners across the county and state," said Tammy Pearson, Union County CSE project manager.

The five performance standards are Cases Under Order, Paternity Establishment Percentage, Collections Towards Current Obligations, Percent of Cases with Payment Towards Arrears, and Total Collections. For FY 2014, Union County CSE collected more than \$10 million in child support for single parents that would not have been paid otherwise.

"I could not be prouder of the efforts of our teams in Child Support Enforcement," said Executive Director of Human Services Richard Matens. "Ensuring the provision of financial support for children in Union County, who not only need it but are owed, is a priority for our Human Services Department. It is rewarding to know that we have such a competent team here."

In accordance with the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, states conduct annual reviews of county child support enforcement programs to measure compliance with federal regulations. The results of these self-assessment reviews are reported to the Secretary of the Federal Department of Health and Human Services.

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