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**Child Support Enforcement Division extends offices hours two days in August for
Child Support Awareness Month**

Eight CSED offices will be open until 7 p.m. Aug. 7, and Aug. 28.

Santa Fe, N.M. – The New Mexico Human Service Department announced it will extend office hours for eight Child Support Enforcement Division (CSED) offices across the state until 7 p.m. for two days: Aug. 7, and Aug. 28, in honor of Child Support Awareness Month.

“The extended hours are an effort to help parents who can’t make it to our offices during 8-to-5 business hours,” said Jeremy Toulouse, Acting CSED Director. “We will use these two days to gauge the interest, turnout and determine the need – for planning purposes in the future.”

The eight CSED offices that will stay open until 7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 7, and Wednesday, Aug. 28, are:

Albuquerque CSED 1010 18th St NW Albuquerque, NM 87104	Albuquerque CSED 1015 Tijeras Ave NW #100 Albuquerque, NM 87102
Clovis CSED 3316 North Main St., Ste. B. Clovis, NM 88101	Farmington CSED 1800 East 30th St. Farmington, NM 87401
Las Cruces CSED 653 Utah Ave. Las Cruces, NM 88001	Los Lunas CSED 445 Camino Del Re, Ste. C Los Lunas, NM 87031
Roswell CSED 2732 North Wilshire Blvd. Roswell, NM 88201	Silver City CSED 3088 32nd St. By-Pass, Ste. B Silver City, NM 88061

In addition, CSED will also be participating in the Governor’s Cabinet in Your Community, a state government-wide constituent services outreach day in Albuquerque on Saturday, Aug. 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Carpenters Local Union, 3900 Pan American Freeway NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107.

Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham proclaimed August Child Support Awareness Month. The extended hours and Saturday event are just some of the activities CSED is conducting during the month.

In August, CSED is kicking off a work-oriented pilot program in collaboration with the Department of Work Force Solutions. The STEP-UP project (supporting, training and employing parents) will begin in the Sandoval County CSED office before expanding statewide next year.

During the month of August, parents who have been issued a bench warrant due to unpaid child support will have an opportunity to come into one of the 14 CSED field offices and settle by paying the bond without fear of arrest. If an individual is unable to pay the full amount of the bond set by the court:

- A negotiated, reduced bond payment or a payment plan toward the amount of past due child support may be worked out:
 - With the consent of the parent to whom the support obligation is owed and,
 - The approval of the court that issued the warrant.
- Non-custodial parents with a written job offer may also request to negotiate a lower bond payment with successful wage withholding payments.

People coming into the CSED offices during the month of August will also have an opportunity to celebrate by putting their child's name on a poster that will decorate the lobbies of offices.

Individuals having questions about any of the Child Support Enforcement Month activities may contact the CSED Customer Service Center at 1 (800) 288-7207.

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