

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

One of the strongest enforcement tools the Child Support Enforcement Division (CSED) relies on is what most people refer to as the License Suspension Program. The program is formally called the Parental Responsibility Act (PRA), which is in State Statutes (NMSA 1978 §40-5A), and has been in effect since July 1, 1995.

PRA gives CSED the ability and responsibility, to refer delinquent non-custodial parents to licensing entities of professional, occupational, and recreational licenses for potential suspension.

Another responsibility of CSED is to report, annually, the progress of the program to both the Governor and the Legislature.

The annual report for 2017 (November to October) has just been submitted, and is chalked full of statistics.

- ◆ The number of delinquent obligors certified by CSED during the year was 198,019.
- ◆ The number of licenses that were suspended or revoked by each board and the number of new licenses and renewals that were delayed or denied by each board was 16,768.
- ◆ The number of licenses and renewals that were granted following an applicant's compliance with a judgment and order for support was 1,474.
- ◆ The matched monthly average of 16,502 of delinquent obligors to licenses applicants.
- ◆ The number of Certificates of Compliance issued to delinquent obligors was 5,829.
- ◆ The number of administrative hearings conducted by the licensing entities was 54.
- ◆ The number of regulatory licensing boards participating in the PRA is 65.
- ◆ The total amount collected in lump-sum payments during the past year was \$1,513,010.97.

The PRA 2017 Annual Report can be found on The INN at

<http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/uploads/files/Public%20Information/2017%20PRA%20Annual%20Report.pdf>