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Adams County Recognizes National Child Support Awareness Month

Did you know that August is National Child Support Awareness Month? Many children throughout Adams County need help in securing support payments from parents who do not live in their home. Thankfully, the Child Support Services Program in the Adams County Human Services Department is helping to ensure that our children grow up in financially stable homes so they can look forward to a bright future.

Child Support Awareness Month is a time to recognize the critical role child support plays in the lives of millions of children. Often, child support payments are all that prevent children from living in dire poverty, and child support is generally the second and sometimes largest source of income for families receiving it.

The Adams County Child Support program, in partnership with the Adams County Attorney's office, is committed to ensuring that all children have a legal father, that custodial parents have a child support order in place, and that these orders are enforced. Secondly, by working with the Adams County Workforce and Business Center and other community resources, we assist non-custodial parents in fulfilling the court's child support orders.

In 2014, Adams County Child Support Services collected more than \$33.3 million in child support payments and established 876 orders, almost 300 of which included establishment of paternity. It is not an overstatement to say that the 60 Adams County staff who work in the child support program change children's lives for the better every day.

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