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DES Celebrates Child Support Awareness Month

PHOENIX – The Department of Economic Security (DES) and its Division of Child Support Services (DCSS) recognizes August as National Child Support Awareness Month, an opportunity to emphasize the vital role parents play in providing children the support needed to grow into happy, healthy individuals.

“The relationship between children and their fathers and mothers is fundamentally important in laying a solid foundation for the future of our children,” said Director Timothy Jeffries. “Our mission is to provide support, information and services to all parents to provide for their children.”

Research shows that parents who are involved financially in their child’s life by paying their child support are also more likely to be involved in other aspects of their child’s life, such as school or extra-curricular activities.

“The children of Arizona deserve all types of support, not just monetary,” said Scott Lekan, Acting Assistant Director for the Division of Child Support Services. “If we don’t give families every opportunity to succeed, without collaborating with community partners and other support agencies, and without maintaining accountability, the children of Arizona would not receive the support they deserve.”

The Division of Child Support Services focuses on enhancing the services to all the clients.

To kick off Child Support Awareness Month, DES has teamed up with the Salvation Army KROC center to host the third annual Family Connection Fun Day. The event will feature more than 2,500 free backpacks and school supplies. Community partners and vendors will be on site to provide information and services, such as free haircuts for kids. The event will be held tomorrow, August 1 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. The Kroc Center is located at 1375 E. Broadway Road in Phoenix.

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