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Child Support Services

The Mendocino County Department of Child Support Services strives to “Help Parents Invest in their Children” Our mission is to serve children and their families by establishing parentage and enforcing support orders in a fair and equitable manner.

I. Effective County Government Organization

The Mendocino County Department of Child Support Services maintained on average 2750 open cases per month in 2024. Of those cases, 146 new court orders were established providing child and medical support to the families that were served.

II. A Safe and Healthy County

III. A Thriving Economy

The Mendocino County Department of Child Support Services collected and distributed over 5.5 million dollars to support the families within our caseload. This is included in the approximate amount of \$2,500,000,000 collected and distributed by all counties within the State of California for the FFY 23/24.

IV. A Prepared and Resilient County

V. Other/Additional Information

During 2024, our staff participated in ongoing educational courses to become proficient with policy and legislative changes within the State of California. Notable changes include AB 1148, changing the child support suspension time frames for incarcerated individual, the formerly aided pass through so all formerly state owed arrears goes directly to families in May, SB 343 which changed the guideline calculator for order setting practices and SB 1055 pertaining to the drivers license suspension for non-paying obligors.