



County of Mendocino
Department of
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

California Department of Child Support Services is committed to working with our partners at CDSS to reduce misconceptions of child support participation – which includes awareness of opportunities to be excused from participation, as well as improving awareness. We are happy to report that the BenefitsCal website, the unified application for multiple public benefits, [now has reference to child support eligibility](#) and a link to our simplified enrollment.

II. A Safe and Healthy County

III. A Thriving Economy

The Mendocino County Department of Child Support Services collected a total of \$489,596 in court-ordered child support payments. Of this amount, \$36,593.33 was passed on to families rather than being recouped for State and Federal debt. A total of 807 children currently has medical coverage.

IV. A Prepared and Resilient County

V. Other/Additional Information

In October, our department was proud to participate in the annual Ukiah Pumpkinfest, a community event that attracts more than 10,000 visitors each year. We had an engaging booth featuring child support information and a popular prize wheel that drew steady crowds throughout the weekend. The event provided a valuable opportunity to connect with families, share helpful resources, and strengthen community awareness of our services.