



ARAPAHOE COUNTY

Proclamation

PROCLAMATION DECLARING AUGUST 2024 AS CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, all children deserve to have their basic needs met, and the Arapahoe County Department of Human Services helps engage and empower parents by locating non-custodial parents, establishing paternity, and providing services to establish, modify and enforce child support and medical support orders. The department also helps parents to overcome barriers such as unemployment, parenting time and fatherhood matters; and

WHEREAS, good relationships build trust in the child support system, and that trust helps to collect more support and build strong foundations for children as they grow into adults; and

WHEREAS, the Child Support Services division of the Department of Human Service touched the lives of nearly 14,000 families in Arapahoe County and collected almost \$40 million in support during fiscal year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services is committed to a family-centered approach to its work that supports both parents and children together to eliminate poverty; and

WHEREAS, Arapahoe County will continue to advance innovative ways to connect parents and children to resources that help with barriers to paying child support by providing workshops, support groups and classes such as Fatherhood Engagement, A Father's Voice Support Group, Relationship Skills, Legal clinics, employment and training classes, and more; and

WHEREAS, Human Services plays a significant role in helping reduce the number of individuals and families in poverty in a way that eliminates disparities.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Arapahoe County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim August 2024 as Child Support Awareness Month, and we encourage all people to join us in this special observance and to recognize the important role of parents, employers, and community resources in the collection of child support for children in Arapahoe County.

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