

The header features a background image of snow-capped mountains. At the top center is the Arapahoe County logo, which consists of a red circular emblem containing a white profile of a Native American person wearing a feathered headdress. To the right of the emblem, the words "ARAPAHOE COUNTY" are written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below this, the word "Proclamation" is written in a large, black, gothic-style font. The word is flanked on both sides by decorative, symmetrical scroll-like flourishes.

ARAPAHOE COUNTY

Proclamation

PROCLAMATION DECLARING AUGUST 2025 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 comprehensive services to establish, modify, and enforce child support and medical support orders; and

WHEREAS, the department also assists parents in overcoming barriers such as unemployment, parenting time disputes, and parental challenges; and

WHEREAS, strong relationships between families and the child support system build trust, and this trust is essential for successful support collection and creating stable foundations that help children thrive as they grow into adulthood; and

WHEREAS, the Child Support Services division of the Department of Human Services positively impacted the lives of 13,500 families in Arapahoe County and successfully collected almost \$40 million in support during fiscal year 2024, demonstrating the vital role these services play in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services is committed to a family-centered approach that supports both parents and children together in building pathways out of poverty and toward economic stability; and

WHEREAS, Arapahoe County continues to advance innovative programs that connect parents and children to resources addressing barriers to child support payment, including Fatherhood Engagement workshops, Motherhood Workshops, Relationship Skills classes, legal clinics, employment and training programs, and other essential services; and

WHEREAS, Human Services plays a crucial role in reducing poverty among individuals and families while working to eliminate disparities and promote equity in our community; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Child Support Awareness Month helps highlight the importance of reliable child support in ensuring children's well-being and acknowledges the collaborative efforts of parents, employers, and community partners in this vital mission.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Arapahoe County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims August 2025 as **Child Support Awareness Month** in Arapahoe County, and we encourage all residents to join us in this important observance by recognizing the essential role that parents, employers, and community resources play in supporting the collection of child support and ensuring the welfare of children throughout our county.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carrie Warren-Gully".

Commissioner Carrie Warren-Gully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica Campbell".

Commissioner Jessica Campbell

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leslie Summey".

Commissioner Leslie Summey
Chair of the Board

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff B. Baker".

Commissioner Jeff Baker
Chair Pro Tem

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rhonda Fields".

Commissioner Rhonda Fields