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COLORADO COUNTIES ARE EXCEPTIONAL AT CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

County departments provide child support services in Colorado. These services are important to Colorado's families and for the care and well-being of children.

Overall, Colorado is one of the best states in providing services due to the leadership of the state, solid legislation that provides effective Support tools, and the hard work of the counties and courts.

Here are some recent facts regarding these services and the

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- According a CDHS spokesperson, Colorado ranked **10th best among the states** for combined child support program measures.
- **21st** – 87.4% of the Caseload has a Child Support Order (**134,000 families**).
- **7th** – 107.4% of the Children Born out of Wedlock have Paternity Established (**99,904 children**).
- **23rd** – 63.6% of the Current Support Owed was Collected (**\$247 million to families**).
- **7th** – 69.8% of the case with Arrears Owed had a Payment toward Arrears (**95,368 families**).
- **31st** - \$4.90 Cost Effectiveness Ratio (amount of child support collected for each dollar spent).

Sources: Child Support Services. 2015. State Child Support Services Presentation at CCI/CHSDA 2015 Summer Conference. Keystone, Colorado.

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