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NEWS RELEASE

**Sacramento County Joins the State to Kick-Off
"Get Back on the Road Again" Program**

Child Support open on two Saturdays in August to help parents get driver license reinstated

SACRAMENTO – The Sacramento County Department of Child Support Services works with parents all year long to get their driver license restored. To raise awareness of this service, DCSS is joining forces with the State to highlight this program during Child Support Awareness Month in August. "Get Back on the Road Again" is a public awareness campaign designed to reach out to parents who have had their license suspended because they did not meet their full child support obligations. The program is available to parents with child support cases in all California counties.

"We want to assist the noncustodial parent who may be having a tough time financially but wants to do the right thing for his or her children," said Terrie Porter, Director of the Sacramento Department of Child Support Services.

Under a 1996 California law, noncustodial parents who do not pay their child support may have their driver license suspended until they bring their payments current. The law also impacts business and professional licenses issued by the State of California such as licenses held by doctors, lawyers, contractor's cosmetologists and others.

After a case review, DCSS will release a driver license when the noncustodial parent meets the following conditions:

- Makes a payment equal to one month of their child support obligation,
- Makes an additional payment of at least \$25 towards arrears,
- Provides his or her current employment status and if applicable provides information regarding his or her current financial situation,
- Evaluations outside of these criteria will also be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

While DCSS is available anytime of the year for this service, they will open on Saturday, August 15 and Saturday, August 29 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to offer assistance.

California's Child Support Services Program works with parents - custodial and noncustodial - and guardians to ensure children and families receive court-ordered financial and medical support. Child support services are available to the general public through a network of 52 county and regional child support agencies.

For more information about this program or general information regarding license suspensions and restorations, please visit the California Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) website at www.childsup.ca.gov. You may also call toll free 1 (866) 901-3212.

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