

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

2009 ANNUAL REPORT



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Mission Statement: To facilitate the financial and medical support of children with one or both parents absent from their homes.

Children deserve the support of both parents even when the children and both parents are not all residing in the same home. In today’s society, many children become the subject of a child support order. These cases become the responsibility of the Sandusky County Child Support Enforcement Agency with the agency currently having just fewer than 6,000 open cases. Our Child Support Division is currently comprised of the following positions: one administrator, three supervisors, one attorney, seven case managers, one administrative hearing officer, one trainer/process server, one legal secretary, five clerks, and one deputy sheriff (shared agency employee). Our staff members are very committed to these cases and the children represented by these cases.

The following pages provide statistics and information for the calendar year 2009. It is a pleasure to share this information. Thank you.



Sandusky County Child Support Caseload History

	2005	2006	2007
January	5,661	5,546	5,717
February	5,605	5,558	5,767
March	5,622	5,562	5,784
April	5,607	5,572	5,835
May	5,623	5,599	5,854
June	5,632	5,563	5,874
July	5,638	5,583	5,879
August	5,584	5,538	5,921
September	5,549	5,586	5,924
October	5,561	5,574	5,953
November	5,542	5,597	5,952
December	5,547	5,645	5,946

	2008	2009
January	5,963	5,909
February	5,969	5,868
March	5,994	5,901
April	6,018	5,908
May	6,027	5,907
June	6,021	5,906
July	6,023	5,940
August	6,004	5,898
September	5,943	5,932
October	5,932	5,917
November	5,907	5,938
December	5,904	5,938

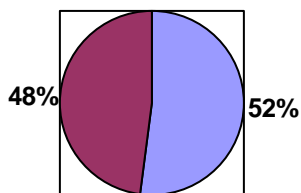


Enforcement Letter Follow-up Procedure



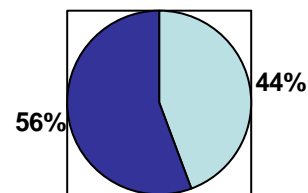
Our in-house deputy sheriff receives referrals from the case managers. Subsequent telephone contacts are made by him as an attempt to receive a child support payment. In 2009, a total of 147 referrals were made under this procedure. The deputy was able to make contact with 72 of those obligors. Payments were received within thirty days of his contact for 32 of the 72 cases. (44%). Since the program's inception, payments have been received for 150 of the 288 cases he was able to make contact with for an overall success rate of 52%.

Of Contact Made



■ Payments Received ■ No Payments

147 Referrals in 2009



■ Contact Made ■ No Contact

August - Child Support Awareness Month

"Your Support Means the World to a Child"

Child Support Awareness Month activities this year were even bigger and better. This year the main event was the **"Free Fun Fair"**.



Activities were once again held this year in recognition of Child Support Awareness Month. The second annual "Free Fun Fair" was held on August 11, 2009. Attendees were greeted in the parking lot by Fremont City Firefighters and E.M.S. personnel who had their equipment on hand. "Stations" were set up throughout the main conference room of the agency where local agencies/organizations from throughout the county had fun activities, giveaways, and treats for the children. Representatives from the Fremont City Police Department conducted finger printing. Drawings were held for free passes to the following family fun attractions: Great Wolf Lodge, Monsoon Lagoon, Journeys, and Park Side Golf. All passes were donated by these generous businesses. Burger King, Wendy's, and McDonalds also contributed food coupons. This year's event was a huge success with over 85 children attending that day. We greatly appreciate the participation of the various agencies/organization, as their presence helped make it a big success. In addition, children who visited our agency during the month of August received a book and school supply.

Note: Monies raised from agency activities were used to fund Child Support Awareness Month.



CSEA – RECEPTIONIST ACTIVITY 2009



	Walk-Ins	Payments
January	711	\$19,765.37
February	674	\$24,773.27
March	776	\$20,287.28
April	697	\$17,446.85
May	620	\$21,671.39
June	618	\$20,756.52
July	696	\$21,444.16
August	661	\$17,439.65
September	638	\$20,929.25
October	670	\$19,680.16
November	669	\$24,494.59
December	671	\$18,684.33
TOTAL:	8,101	\$247,372.82

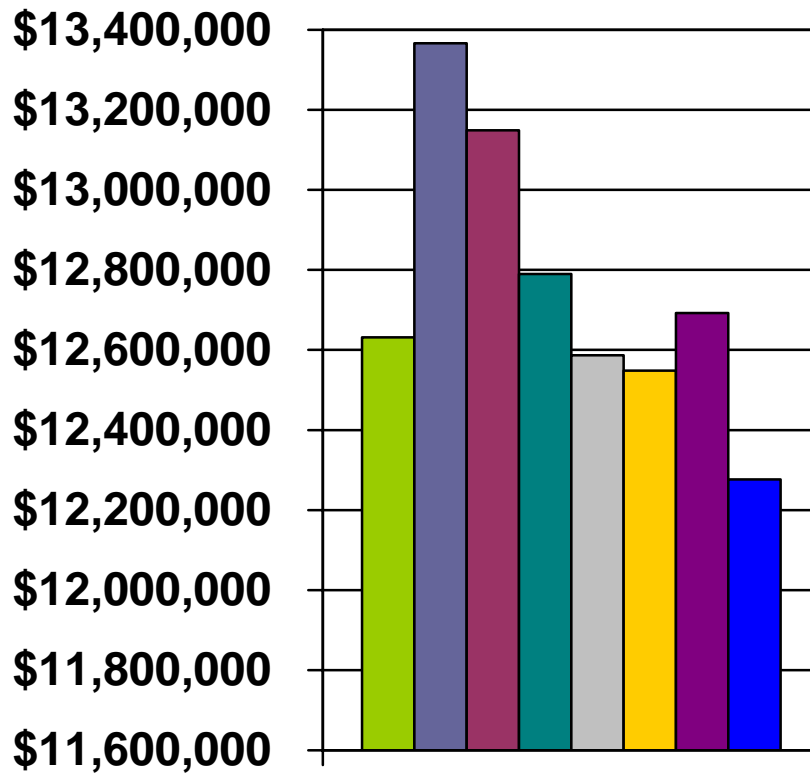
At this agency, our clients are seen on a walk-in basis or appointments are available.
 In addition, we gladly accept payments.

CSEA COLLECTIONS - 2009

January	\$ 986,220.49
February	969,362.89
March	1,116,429.92
April	1,035,648.71
May	1,046,511.68
June	1,064,468.16
July	1,049,616.41
August	981,466.12
September	984,051.55
October	1,002,939.53
November	959,364.26
December	1,080,614.81
TOTAL	\$12,276,694.53



CSEA COLLECTIONS - HISTORY



 2002	\$12,631,191.01
 2003	\$13,366,529.29
 2004	\$13,148,601.35
 2005	\$12,789,588.65
 2006	\$12,586,765.58
 2007	\$12,547,992.78
 2008	\$12,692,591.49
 2009	\$12,276,694.53

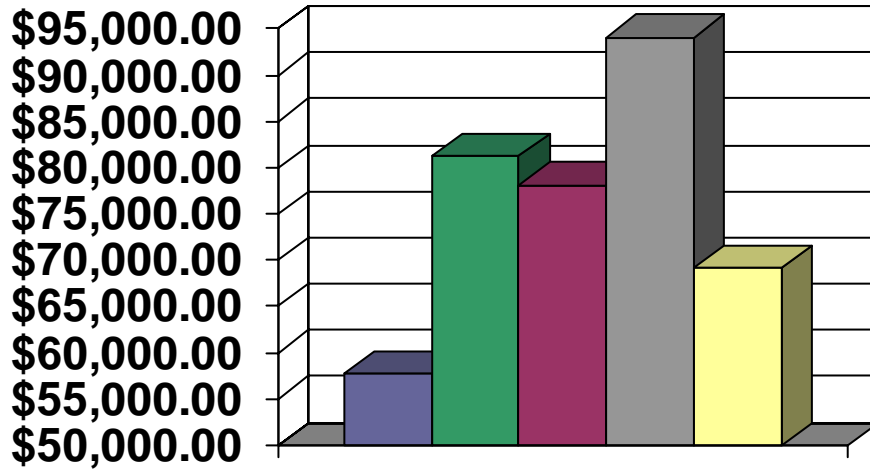
FIDM COLLECTIONS - 2009








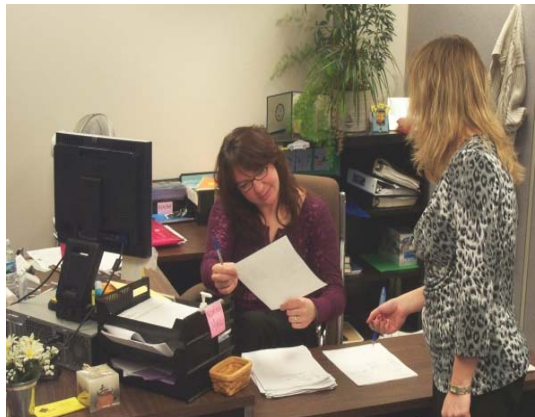
The Financial Institution Data Match Program (FIDM) is an enforcement tool used to collect child support. Under this program, matches are received that provide information regarding obligors (person who pays child support) who owe past due support and have funds on deposit in a financial institution. Upon executing the proper paperwork, the agency is able to intercept these monies.

January	\$3,236.38
February	16,220.20
March	5,249.56
April	4,932.28
May	5,662.88
June	3,203.51
July	7,923.45
August	5,989.83
September	464.99
October	5,182.06
November	7,456.72
December	3,701.50
TOTAL	\$69,223.36

FIDM COLLECTIONS – HISTORY



 2005	\$57,791.50
 2006	\$81,302.13
 2007	\$78,070.76
 2008	\$94,079.39
 2009	\$69,223.36



GENETIC TESTING STATISTICS 2009

	Children	Parents	Combined
January	15	26	41
February	10	20	30
March	11	16	27
April	11	22	33
May	15	24	39
June	8	11	19
July	9	16	25
August	8	20	28
September	9	15	24
October	15	30	45
November	9	20	29
December	8	17	25
TOTAL:	128	237	365

Genetic testing is held at CSEA, but conducted by an outside agency which has a contract with the State of Ohio. In 2009, paternity was established for 95 children based on genetic testing results. The results of a genetic testing must show a ninety-nine percent (99%) or greater probability in order to establish the existence of a father and child relationship.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT STATISTICS - 2009

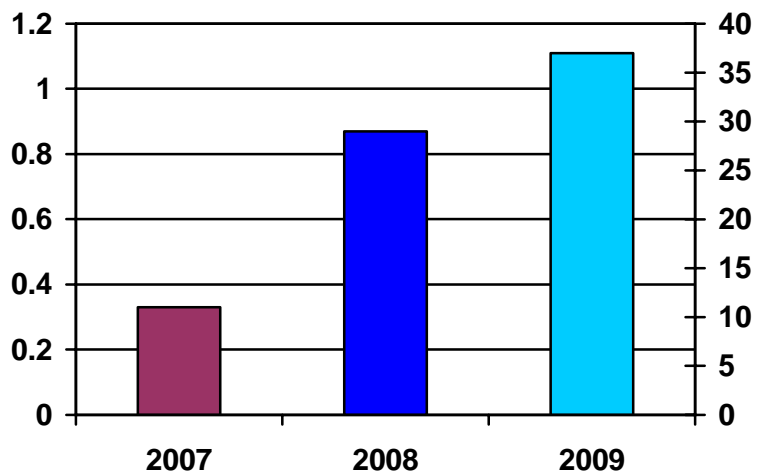
	Contempt	Support	Criminal Non-Support	Appeals	Pro Se	Paternity	Other	Total
January	21	6	18	5	0	0	1	51
February	20	2	9	11	4	0	2	48
March	37	8	11	6	1	0	1	64
April	25	8	7	2	1	0	2	45
May	29	9	15	5	3	1	3	65
June	26	15	14	7	1	0	7	70
July	29	10	20	5	0	1	1	66
August	18	4	5	3	1	0	6	37
September	35	12	19	4	3	1	4	78
October	33	6	17	7	5	1		69
November	24	19	7	5	2	1	2	60
December	22	15	9	4	1	4	5	60
TOTAL:	319	114	151	64	22	9	34	713
Total for 2009								713

Our agency has one full time attorney who handles all legal matters regarding our cases.
The below statistics reflect court hearings attended by our attorney.

FELONY NON-SUPPORT

A last resort for enforcement of non-payment of child support is the referral of cases for felony non-support. There are very specific criteria for referrals, i.e., the obligor is \$5,000.00 or more in arrears and has missed 26 or more weeks of child support payments out of 104 consecutive weeks. Cases must be carefully selected and prepared prior to taking them before the Grand Jury. Our Legal Department presents cases to the Grand Jury three times per year, in April, August and December. Thirty-seven (37) obligors were indicted for felony non-support in 2009, compared to twenty-nine (29) in 2008 and eleven (11) in 2007.

CSEA has a 100% success rate in obtaining indictments.



CONTEMPT SUCCESS RATE

Of the approximately 75 obligors that had contempt jail sentences pending in 2009, 43 successfully purged their contempt sentence and did not have to serve any jail time.

