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PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE EXCELS IN COLLECTING CHILD SUPPORT

Prosecuting Attorney Kelly Gaumer announced today that her office attained the highest possible ratings for child support collection again in 2020. This marks several consecutive years the Pulaski County Prosecutor's Office has met or exceeded expectations for obtaining child support payments for children who need them. The Prosecutor's office works with parents to establish the identity of fathers, set the amount of child support a noncustodial parent must pay, and collect back support a parent owes.

The state government establishes state and individual county goals for collecting owed support, obtaining court orders for arrearage payments, establishing paternity and getting child support payments started. From September 1st of 2019 to September 30th of 2020, the Pulaski County child support unit exceeded every goal the state set.

"I'm excited to report that the Prosecutor's Office is doing well in all categories of collecting child support", Gaumer said. "Our work resulted in over one million dollars going out to parents in Pulaski County on behalf of their children during the review period that ended this September. It's wonderful to help children in need. Children are entitled to the support of both parents regardless of their living arrangements, and most parents understand this. Nothing is more frustrating than a parent who avoids court orders to support a child, and that's why my staff and I are committed to going after people who owe but don't want to pay."

Gaumer went on to commend Child Support administrator Sherrel Hudson, the newest addition to the Prosecutor's Office staff. "We've had some turnover at that position," Gaumer said. "Having Sherrel come in and keep us in the highest level in all categories has been wonderful. Hudson said". I'm proud to continue the county's tradition of effective child support collection". Hudson brings extensive experience to the job, having worked in child support for eight years.

Gaumer noted that the Prosecutor's Office routinely seeks arrest warrants for parents who knowingly fail to appear for court or otherwise shirk their responsibilities. "We strive to be among the best in Indiana at doing this. Child support is important, and I encourage anyone who thinks their child might be entitled to support to contact our office."

The Child Support Division may be reached at 574-946-6403.