The DHR Child Support Enforcement Administration (CSEA) contributes to the success of Maryland families by helping them stay economically independent. CSEA establishes paternity for children born to unmarried parents and collects and distributes child support payments.

Collections: Last year, the CSEA collected the most child support on behalf of Maryland's children in the State's history.

- **$39 Million Increase**
- **$558 Million** September 2014
- **$519 Million** September 2011
- **237,956** Number of children with open cases
- **$157 Million** Amount disbursed to former recipients of Temporary Cash Assistance who may very well have otherwise been relying on the state for economic stability.

Non-Custodial Parent Employment Program (NPEP):

- Since 2007, DHR connected **18,135** participants to employment services start paying child support.
- **$112 Million** Increase in child support paid FFY14 over FFY13

Child Support Goals: Maryland is performing above the national average in four key areas.

- **Support Orders**: FFY11 Maryland - 82.9%, FFY14 Maryland - 85.2%, FFY13 National Average - 85.2%
- **Paternity Established (IV-D)**: FFY11 Maryland - 92.9%, FFY14 Maryland - 99.3%, FFY13 National Average - 91.5%
- **Current Support Collected**: FFY11 Maryland - 64.7%, FFY14 Maryland - 67.8%, FFY13 National Average - 60.5%
- **Cases Paying Arrears**: FFY11 Maryland - 61.6%, FFY14 Maryland - 69.3%, FFY13 National Average - 61.6%

Maryland's a Top 10 state for cases paying arrears.