

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, all children deserve to have their basic needs met, and the Division of Child Support in the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services helps engage and empower parents to find ways to provide reliable support for their children; and

WHEREAS, good relationships build trust in the child support system, and that trust helps to collect more support and build strong foundations for children as they grow into adults; and

WHEREAS, child support services of the Division of Child Support touch the lives of almost 550,000 Washington residents and collected more than \$695 million in support during state fiscal year 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Child Support is committed to a family-centered approach to its work that focuses on providing respect and resources to every person every day; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Child Support, will continue to advance innovative ways to connect parents to resources that help with barriers to paying child support such as through the Alternative Solutions program, family-centered casework, partnerships with other state agencies and referrals to more than 4,500 community-based organizations; and

WHEREAS, the work of the Division of Child Support plays a significant role in helping the Economic Services Administration of the Department of Social and Health Services reduce the number of individuals and families in poverty by 50 percent in 2025 in a way that eliminates disparities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim August 2021 as

Child Support Awareness Month

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance and to recognize the important role of parents, employers, and community resources in the collection of child support for Washington's children.

Signed this 30th day of June, 2021

Governor Jay Inslee

