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## Clark County District Attorney Family Support 2013 Most Improved Program Award

The Clark County District Attorney Family Support Division (DAFS) is being recognized nationally as the most improved child support program in the country.

"Our entire DAFS staff is to be commended for the remarkable improvement we are seeing," District Attorney Steve Wolfson said. "Despite many challenges, including the downturn in the economy, our team has persevered and continued to increase the amount of money we collect for the children in our community."

DAFS was selected to receive the 2013 Most Improved Program Award from the National Child Support Enforcement Association (NCSEA). The award recognizes the state, regional, tribal or county program that has shown exceptional improvement in key child support enforcement performance areas - paternity establishment, new child support court orders, current support payments and arrears.

Since 2009, paternity establishment is up 46 percent, new child support court orders are up nearly 17 percent, current support collection is up over 34 percent and collection of overdue support is up over 17 percent.

The improvements are attributable to a variety of factors such as the relocation of DAFS to the Child Support Center of Southern Nevada, which allows customers a "one stop shop" for all agencies involved with child support cases, the implementation of community outreach efforts and a focused call center that handles over 15,000 calls per month.

DAFS handles 61,000 cases, which is 59 percent of Nevada's overall caseload. In 2012, more than \$125 million was collected on behalf of Clark County children. The most-improved award will be formally presented to DAFS staff in August.

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