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DA Family Support Climbs 12 Spots in National Ranking

Preliminary figures for the Federal Fiscal Year ending 2017 have just been released, and all indications are that the Nevada Child Support Program has moved up to the 13th spot on the Federal Performance Measures Rankings of all states/territories. Nevada was 25th on the same list last year. Clark County DA Family Support (DAFS) is responsible for 59% of Nevada's entire child support enforcement program caseload.

"I am so proud of the great work done by our DAFS team," said District Attorney Steve Wolfson. "When I took over the office in 2012, Nevada was ranked 36th in the nation. Under the leadership of DAFS Director, Jeff Witthun, and Assistant Director, Suzi Truby, we have steadily improved each year. With over 300 hard-working employees in this division, who handle nearly 60% of the state of Nevada's caseload, we have achieved great success on behalf of Clark County children and their parents."

"Not only have we improved in the national rankings, but in this last fiscal year we collected a record-breaking \$130 million in child support," said DAFS Director Jeff Witthun. "That is \$3 million more than the previous year. Additionally, in February of this year we broke another record for our office by collecting over 70% of current child support owed every month. For comparison, this number has also steadily improved from the 45% we were collecting back in 2009."

The national ranking takes into account five different categories; Paternity Establishment, Current Support, Arrears, Order Rate and Cost Effectiveness. Nevada improved in four of those categories in this last fiscal year. Nevada is 3rd best in the nation in the Paternity Establishment category.

In August, 2017, Jeff Witthun won a national award for Outstanding Leadership in a Child Support Organization from the National Child Support Enforcement Association in Washington, D.C.