



NEWS RELEASE
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The Springfield Regional Prosecutors' Child Support Office, a division of the Greene County Prosecutor's Office, collected \$2,145,270.18 in current and past child support in Greene, Christian and Taney Counties from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. This is an increase of \$271,531.21, almost 15%, over the previous period. This year's collection ranks first out of the last four years.

The Prosecutors' Office represents the State of Missouri, Department of Social Services, Family Support Division, to prosecute cases pursuant to Missouri's program under the Title IV-D of the federal Social Security Act. The cases are for families that have applied for legal assistance to enforce a support order or have applied for and received benefits from the State.

The Family Support Division reported the \$2,145,270 amount to the Prosecutors' Office, which represents the total collections on cases that are open with the Springfield Regional Prosecutors' Child Support Office. The collection amounts do not include intercepted state or federal tax refunds that may have been paid during this time.

Statewide, the Family Support Division collected \$677,923,737 in child support and reported an increase of 2.1% in collections over the same period last year. In the 35-year history of the Missouri IV-D program, child support collections have increased each year.

The Springfield Regional Prosecutors' Child Support Office supports Dan Patterson, Greene County Prosecutor, Amy Fite, Christian County Prosecutor and Jeff Merrell, Taney County Prosecutor.