



COUNTY of VENTURA

# CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH

August 2024

*Presented by Director Marcus R. Mitchell on July 23, 2024*

## **VCDCCS Mission**

Ensuring that all children receive consistent and reliable financial and emotional support from both parents.

## **VCDCCS Vision**

Transforming lives through the true power of child support.

## **VCDCCS Services**

- Establish and modify child and medical support orders.
- Collect and distribute child support.
- Locate parents.
- Establish parentage.
- Provide accounting of child support payments.







VCDCSS' work contributes to the well-being of families,  
which is highlighted by the **2024 CSAM theme**:

**SHELTER. SAFETY.  
SOLUTIONS. SUPPORT.**



## 2023-2024 (YTD) Highlights

- 2023: Distributed more than \$51 million, contributing to the well-being of 16,953 children.
- 2023: Established parentage for 3,054 children.
- 2023: Opened and modified over 2,000 cases.
- 2023: Received over 300,000 incoming calls from parents in 21 counties.
- 2024: Held the inaugural Ventura County Fatherhood Summit.
- 2024: Established ongoing partnership with Workforce Development Board.
- 2024: Director Marcus R. Mitchell appointed California's Child Support Directors Association president.
- 2024: Will begin utilizing our new Community Relations van to increase the community's access to our services.



# Community Relations Van



# Department Achievement

For the first time in program history, VCDCCSS was presented the **Outstanding Program Award** by the state's Child Support Directors Association.







# Fatherhood Initiative



# Ventura County Fatherhood Summit

- Inaugural event held on June 1, 2024
- 75 fathers and father figures attended
- Over 30 local organizations participated in the resource and career fair
  - 10 County of Ventura agencies
- 21 workshops offered in English, Spanish and Mixteco





Video

# Fatherhood-Centered Efforts

- **VCDCSS representation on CADCSS Fatherhood Council & Policy Sub-Committee**
- **Boot Camp for New Dads** - *Planning*
  - Workshop that equips men to engage with their infants, support their partners and navigate their transformation into dads.
- **Fatherhood Collaborative** - *Planning*
  - Partnership between community agencies to increase father inclusion within family-oriented services.
- **Planning additional workshops and events for fathers and father figures**





**Thank you for recognizing  
August as Child Support  
Awareness Month!**