



COUNTY of VENTURA

CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH

August 2024

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

VCDCSS Mission

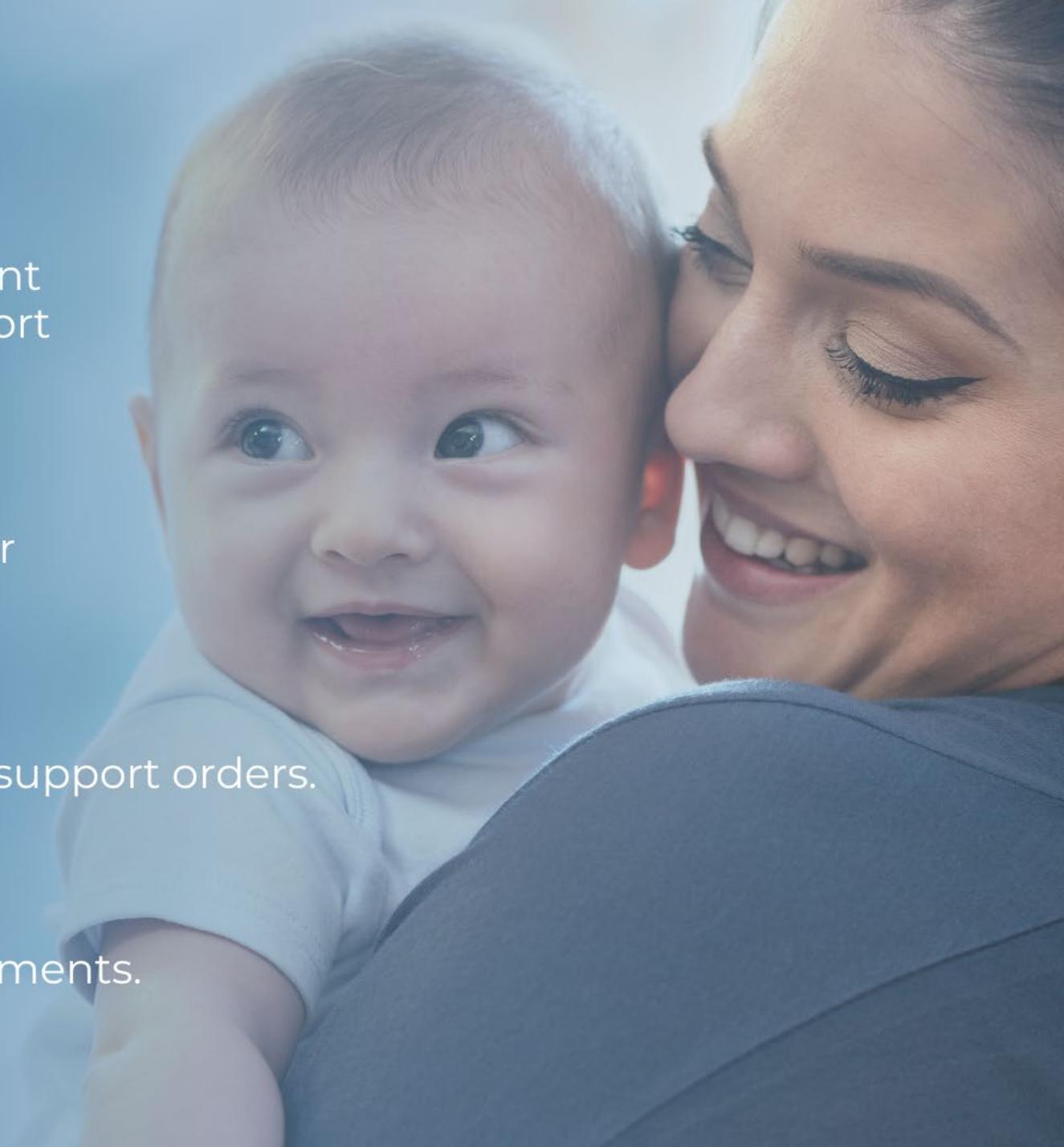
Ensuring that all children receive consistent and reliable financial and emotional support from both parents.

VCDCSS Vision

Transforming lives through the true power of child support.

VCDCSS 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, VCDCSS 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!**