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DATE: January 11, 2011
TO: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Laura D. Roth, Director of Child Support Services
RE: PRESENTATION OF THE CALIFORNIA CHILD SUPPORT "INCARCERATED OBLIGOR VIDEO"

The Child Support Directors Association, an association comprised of the Child Support Directors statewide, has developed committees to address a number of topics that will support the delivery of service in local county child support agencies. One of the committees, the Education Committee, developed a subcommittee entitled "Video Production." The Video Production Committee was commissioned with producing videos that would support the mission of education – that education could include child support staff, stakeholders, customers, or others whose needs include a better understanding of the child support program.

I am the chair of the CSDA Video Production Committee. Videos produced by that committee include a "Lobby Video" – now shown in child support reception areas statewide to educate parents about the services provided by the Department. A new video entitled "Incarcerated Obligor Video" is ready to be rolled out to the 33 men's State Department of Corrections Institutions this month. [Future plans include a similar video which will be shown at women's institutions.] The purpose of this video is to ensure personal responsibility while advising non-custodial fathers of their rights and responsibilities, including proper and timely response to court papers, establishing parentage and support, modification of support due to lack of income, and other questions involving support issues.

The purpose of this presentation is to provide an opportunity for the Board and public to view the video. A press release, which will be delivered by the two state agencies that supported the production effort – the Department of Child Support Services and the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), is imminent. The video was produced by CDCR staff. Replication and distribution costs were shared among many local child support agencies including El Dorado County, as well as the California Department of Child Support Services and the Child Support Directors Association.

Staffs from El Dorado County, as well as child support staff from Solano, Marin, San Joaquin, and Stanislaus counties are the actors in the video.

It is a goal of the Video Production Committee that recidivism is reduced due to targeted and focused outreach of incarcerated individuals. Research strongly suggests that individuals released from incarceration are much more likely to pay support if they have a realistic order and have not accumulated unmanageable debt. The regular and consistent payment of child support is a significant factor in family self-sufficiency and contributes to reducing the necessity of government public assistance. We hope you are pleased and supportive of our efforts.

Thank you.