



# HRA/DSS OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

COMMITTED TO ASSISTING NEW YORKERS REACH THEIR MAXIMUM LEVEL OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY

## Monthly Report March 2015

|  |         | <i>This Month:<br/>March 15</i> | <i>Last Month:<br/>February 15</i> | <i>Last Year:<br/>March 14</i> | <i>2015 Goals</i> |
|--|---------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Support Establishment</b>                                   |         |                                 |                                    |                                |                   |
| <b>Percent (SEP)</b>   | Total   | 73%                             | 73%                                | 71%                            | 74%               |
| <i>(% of cases with a court order)</i>                         | Never   | 75%                             | 75%                                | 77%                            |                   |
|  | Former  | 75%                             | 75%                                | 73%                            |                   |
|  | Current | 58%                             | 58%                                | 52%                            |                   |
| <b>Paternity Estab. % (PEP)</b>                                | Total   | 79%                             | 79%                                | 76%                            | 80%               |
| <i>(% of out of wedlock cases with paternity established.)</i> |         |                                 |                                    |                                |                   |
| <b>% Cases w/Collection <sup>(1)</sup></b>                     | Total   | 44%                             | 42%                                | 43%                            | 45%               |
|  | Never   | 57%                             | 56%                                | 56%                            |                   |
|  | Former  | 32%                             | 31%                                | 32%                            |                   |
|  | Current | 39%                             | 37%                                | 37%                            |                   |
| <b>% Current Distributed <sup>(2)</sup></b>                    | Total   | 77%                             | 71%                                | 74%                            |                   |
|  | Never   | 80%                             | 75%                                | 76%                            |                   |
|  | Former  | 70%                             | 69%                                | 73%                            |                   |
|  | Current | 67%                             | 46%                                | 53%                            |                   |
| <b>Total Cases with Orders</b>                                 | Total   | 282,045                         | 282,190                            | 284,243                        |                   |
|  | Never   | 121,154                         | 121,205                            | 120,586                        |                   |
|  | Former  | 128,545                         | 128,679                            | 132,294                        |                   |
|  | Current | 32,346                          | 32,306                             | 31,363                         |                   |
| <b>New Orders</b>  | Total   | 1,445                           | 1,294                              | 1,684                          |                   |
|  | Never   | 832                             | 717                                | 823                            |                   |
|  | Former  | 205                             | 205                                | 367                            |                   |
|  | Current | 408                             | 372                                | 494                            |                   |

### Calendar Year Collections

**Total CY Collections 2014: \$742,026,901**

**Total CY Collections Goal 2015: \$743,000,000 (+ 0.13%)**

|                              | <i>This Month:<br/>March 15</i> | <i>Last Month:<br/>February 15</i> | <i>CYTD 2015</i> | <i>CYTD 2014</i> | <i>CYTD Change</i> |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Total</b>                 | \$68,463,170                    | \$57,017,429                       | \$184,646,410    | \$180,637,482    | 2.22%              |
| <b>Never <sup>(3)</sup></b>  | \$27,900,629                    | \$25,748,784                       | \$80,310,250     | \$81,978,912     | -2.04%             |
| <b>Former <sup>(3)</sup></b> | \$36,914,007                    | \$28,927,561                       | \$95,891,988     | \$91,051,897     | 5.32%              |
| <b>Current</b>               | \$3,648,534                     | \$2,341,084                        | \$8,444,172      | \$7,606,673      | 11.01%             |

### Notes from Frances Pardus-Abbadessa, Executive Deputy Commissioner HRA/OCSE:

OCSE received \$68.5 million in Child Support Collections for the month of March 2015 (a four week month) which is a 20.07% increase over February (also a four week month) and 7.87% over March 2014. In addition, Calendar Year to date collections also show an increase of 2.22% over the same period (Jan - Mar) in 2014. Support Establishment Percentage (SEP) remains high at 72.89% and Paternity Establishment Percentage (PEP) is at its second highest of 78.97%. Cases with a collection in the month (includes actively charging & arrears only cases) achieved 44%, and new orders continue to grow reaching 4,077. 58.43% of OCSE's Cash Assistance (CA) caseload have an order established, the highest percentage recorded in over fifteen years.

\*= 5 week month

<sup>(1)</sup> This measure includes actively charging and arrears only cases. However, if we consider only actively charging cases (cases with an ongoing obligation) the Total Cases with a Collection percentage remains stable at 61% this month.

<sup>(2)</sup> We continue to observe the effects of ongoing cleanup projects aiming at closing account level cases that are appropriate for closure. This contributes to the large decrease in Current Support Due and in the percentage of "Current Distributed – Former."

<sup>(3)</sup> The State carried out a one-time clean up project in 2012 with the Department of Health to identify cases that received Medicaid at any time and moved the collection data from Never to Former, leaving the cases in place.