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### **\$10 million Intercepted in Unpaid Child Support from Casino/Racino, Lottery Winners**

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) has intercepted over \$10 million in unpaid child support from jackpot winners at Ohio’s casinos and racinos and Ohio Lottery prize winners since 2014. Over 6,300 jackpots have been intercepted.

“This is a good example of government and industry working together toward a common goal,” said ODJFS Director Kimberly Hall. “If noncustodial parents are behind on their child support, their winnings from gambling should fulfill their responsibility to their children first. It is paramount we deliver these funds to the children who deserve it.”

State law grants child support agencies the right to intercept jackpot and prize winnings from noncustodial parents who owe past due support. In partnership with the Ohio Lottery Commission, the Ohio Casino Control Commission, and Ohio’s casinos and racinos, ODJFS established an automated interface for this effort. It checks jackpot and prize winners against a database of noncustodial parents who owe child support. If a winner owes child support, the casino/racino or Lottery Commission withholds all or part of the winnings.

Ohio’s county child support enforcement agencies collect 69.6 percent of all child support owed, higher than the national average of 65.8 percent. Ohio consistently ranks in the top 10 of all states for collections on current support due and exceeds the national average for establishing paternity. For each dollar in administrative costs, the child support program collects and distributes \$6.28 in child support.

Families with questions about child support orders can check their case information online at [childsupport.ohio.gov](http://childsupport.ohio.gov) or by contacting their county child support enforcement agency. A directory of county agencies is available online here: [jfs.ohio.gov/county](http://jfs.ohio.gov/county)

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*The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services manages vital programs that strengthen Ohio families. These include job training and employment services, unemployment insurance, cash and food assistance, child care, child and adult protective services, adoption, and child support services.*

