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**THE NEW YORK CITY HUMAN RESOURCE ADMINISTRATION  
COMMEMORATES CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH WITH  
RECORD CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTIONS**

*Office of Child Support Enforcement Launches New Public Education Videos*

HRA Commissioner Robert Doar announced today that the Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) collected \$686 million in the city's fiscal year, ending June 30, 2010. That is a \$15 million increase over the previous year and a 44% increase since Mayor Bloomberg entered office.

This record collection is especially noteworthy given the weakened economy and the fact that many parts of the state and the country have seen child support collections drop. Over \$200 million of the FY 2010 collections went to families who formerly received cash assistance. These payments help families attain financial stability and keep them from relying on government support. Child support collections added to earnings from employment and income from work supports including food stamps and Medicaid help New Yorkers move out of poverty. In fact, over 125,000 families with a child support order are no longer receiving cash assistance. Annually, former cash assistance families who received a child support collection got an average of \$4,100.

"The child support program is one of our most important and effective anti-poverty programs," HRA Commissioner Robert Doar said. "It is clear that child support has a significant impact on poor or low-income families and this is why we are proud of our record collections. Our new videos will also help to engage more New Yorkers."

In addition to record collections, OCSE reports that the average number of families receiving a payment each month increased in FY 2010 to nearly 125,000.

"The child support program is about supporting children," said Frances Pardus-Abbadessa, Deputy Commissioner of the Office of Child Support Enforcement. "Our continued success reflects our efforts to reach out to dads and to educate parents and the community on the importance of child support by helping close the poverty gap and giving children a brighter future."

The Office of Child Support Enforcement has also released two new public education videos for both custodial and noncustodial parents. These videos, in both English and Spanish, present what mothers and fathers new to formal child support should know about the procedures and their rights, and why participating in the child support program is important.

"The videos address any concerns and misunderstandings custodial and noncustodial parents have about the child support system, clearly explain the advantages of participating in the

program, and guide viewers through the process of establishing a child support order,” said Commissioner Doar.

The videos will be shown in HRA offices throughout the city as well as additional locations in the future.

For more information on the Office of Child Support Enforcement, visit [NYC.gov/hra/ocse](http://NYC.gov/hra/ocse)

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