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**DHR INTERIM SECRETARY RECOGNIZES 25 CHILD SUPPORT  
WORKERS FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE**  
*Recognition event culminates month long awareness efforts*

BALTIMORE – Interim Secretary Brian Wilbon honored 25 child support workers during an event culminating Child Support Awareness month. Child support workers play a vital role to ensure financial security to over 500,000 Maryland children who depend on child support for their financial well-being. These workers collected and distributed over \$516 million in child support monies to almost 252,000 cases during fiscal year 2010.

“Because the work they do is so critical to so many, we are acknowledging staff whose performance and dedication reached the highest level of excellence,” said Secretary Wilbon.

Child support plays a vital part in ensuring the well-being of so many of Maryland’s children and enhances the stability of many single-parent households. These workers use various tools and technology to locate parents, establish paternity, and support orders, collect and disburse child support payments and collaborate with community organizations to provide employment services. On average, they worked with over 30,000 interstate cases, established paternity for 139,000 children born out of wedlock, and established support orders for 205,000 cases.

To ensure robust collections, child support workers use tools like cross-referencing data with other agencies, denying the issuance of passports, and intercepting lottery winnings and income tax returns when child support debt exists. In addition, they have strengthened collaboration with the business community, the judiciary, and other local and state government offices.

The honored workers were selected by their peers and represent every part of the state. The names of honorees and their jurisdictions follow:

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- Martin O'Malley, Governor
- Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor
- Brian Wilbon, Interim Secretary

<b>County</b>	<b>Nominee</b>
Allegany	Bryan Leatherman
Anne Arundel	Cynthia Dawson
Baltimore City	Heather Custodio
Baltimore County	Sandra Coleman-Rice
Calvert	Susie Rushe
Caroline	Linda Andrew
Carroll	Theresa "Terri" Davis
Cecil	Rose Montgomery
Central Office	Barb Becker Bob Andrews
Charles	Kim Pilkerton
Dorchester	Ella Stanley
Frederick	Rajinder "Raj" Sagar
Garrett	Tonya Kessell
Harford	Linda Leitzer
Howard	Dawn Delapenha-Boyer
Kent	Elizabeth Bankhead
Montgomery	Calvin Lee
Prince George's	Ron Faw
St. Mary's	David Gray
Somerset	Christina "Chrissy" Parkinson
Talbot	Helen Meacher
Washington	Jill Meyers
Wicomico	Sabrina Amajioyi
Worcester	Rebecca Galeone

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The Maryland Department of Human Resources is the state's social service provider. The agency collaborates with 24 local jurisdictions to: provide foster care, adoption, and protective services to children; collect and distribute child support payments; provide protective services, case- management, supportive housing, in-home aide services, and respite care to vulnerable adults; and provide temporary cash, food stamps, and medical assistance to families. It also funds programs for homeless persons, refugees, and migrant- workers, victims of crime and women who are displaced, battered, or assaulted. Last year, DHR served 760,000 people in need. In terms of its annual budget, DHR is Maryland's fourth largest state agency

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