

## **NEWS from the North Dakota Department of Human Services**

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### **James Fleming named director of N.D. Child Support Enforcement Division**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services announced today that James Fleming has been named director of the agency's Child Support Enforcement Division. Fleming has served as deputy director and legal counsel for the division for the past eight years.

North Dakota's child support enforcement program serves about 60,000 children and 90,000 parents and collects support for children in excess of \$120 million per year.

"North Dakota has one of the top performing child support enforcement programs in the country, and Jim has been a part of the team of employees responsible for that accomplishment," said Department of Human Services Executive Director Carol K. Olson. "We had a strong pool of applicants, and I am pleased that Jim has accepted this new challenge."

Prior to joining the department, Fleming worked for the N.D. Attorney General's Office providing legal advice to state agencies.

Fleming is a Cavalier, N.D. native. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of North Dakota in 1989, and his law degree from Notre Dame Law School in 1993.

Fleming was the recipient of the 2004 Freedom Award from the North Dakota Newspaper Association and the 2009 Family Support Council Program Awareness Award.

The N.D. Department of Human Services' Child Support Enforcement Division employs 164 people who work at its state administration office, state disbursement unit, and at the eight regional child support offices. The division locates parents, establishes paternity through court order or voluntary acknowledgment, pursues court orders to establish and modify child support and medical support obligations, and enforces child support and medical support obligations. The division also receives and disburses all child support payments through the State Disbursement Unit and provides customer service.

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