



*The mission of the Child Support Directors Association (CSDA) of California is to educate, collaborate and advocate in support of California's families. CSDA represents and serves the directors of California's 49 individual and regionalized county local child support agencies (LCSAs), supporting their efforts to deliver vital child support services to help meet the financial, medical and emotional needs of California's children.*

*For a variety of reasons, a number of families today do not have two parents in the household. The child support program was created to help children in these households continue to have the financial and medical support necessary to live productive lives. LCSAs are responsible for all child support case management activities, including locating absent parents, establishing paternity (when necessary), working with local courts to establish court orders for the payment of financial and medical support, and enforcing those orders. CSDA supports its county members by providing a variety of services, including:*

- *Facilitating the delivery of professional development training for LCSA staff to promote effective and efficient LCSA operations. CSDA sponsors trainings throughout the year addressing leadership, effective case management practices, human resources, budgeting, and the provision of program legal services.*
- *Informing and updating members about the latest legislative, policy and programmatic issues affecting the child support program.*
- *Assisting in the development of effective child support program policy through membership meetings and sponsorship of a number of committees which address a wide variety of LCSA policies and operations.*
- *Facilitating the identification and sharing of program best practices among member LCSAs.*
- *Serving as a liaison between the local child support community and the State Department of Child Support Services to promote effective communication, program issue resolution, and the ongoing success of the California child support program.*
- *Sponsoring an annual Policy Symposium creating a forum in which researchers and program experts from related disciplines can examine cross-cutting issues affecting child and family service programs and the communities served to identify strategies for addressing those issues.*
- *Assisting member LCSAs with county-specific issues or needs.*

*CSDA is led by a 12-member Board of Directors, comprised of LCSA directors and executive staff, representing a cross-section of county child support agencies throughout California. The Association, which was established in 2000, is a non-profit organization located in Sacramento California.*

*For more information, please contact the Child Support Directors Association at (916) 446-6700 or visit the CSDA website at [www.csdaca.org](http://www.csdaca.org).*