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GOODPARENTSPAY.COM HELPING CHILDREN GET THE SUPPORT THEY DESERVE *Overwhelming Public Response Has Helped Locate Five Defaulting Payors*

QUEEN'S PARK – Five individuals who had defaulted on their court-ordered child and spousal support payments have been found thanks to the McGuinty government's www.goodparentspay.com website, Minister of Community and Social Services Madeleine Meilleur announced today.

“In just one month of operation, goodparentspay.com has been a huge success, with more than 16.8 million hits and 201 tips from the public helping us locate five individuals who had defaulted on their support payments,” said Meilleur. “We’ve added five new profiles to the site so that Ontarians can continue to help us make sure that children get the support they deserve.”

Goodparentspay.com was launched on February 19, 2007 and is run by the Family Responsibility Office (FRO). It features pictures and other information about defaulting support payors and allows people to submit information about these individuals anonymously. As defaulting payors are located, new profiles are added to the site.

“Goodparentspay.com has already proven itself to be a successful initiative,” said Regina May, co-founder of Mothers Against Fathers in Arrears. “We have a moral responsibility to go to great lengths to obtain what is legally owed to children and former spouses.”

Goodparentspay.com is the latest measure introduced by the McGuinty government to help children and their families get the support they deserve. Other measures include the Credit Bureau Initiative which has collected more than \$330 million since January 2004 and the Customer Service Unit which has handled almost 400,000 additional calls since February 2004. This represents a 35 per cent increase in the number of calls the FRO handles.

“Thanks to this site, people who have failed to live up to their family responsibilities are getting the message. Goodparentspay.com is working for Ontario’s families,” said Meilleur. “When families are stronger, Ontario is stronger.”

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