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**McGUINTY GOVERNMENT UNVEILS WWW.GOODPARENTSPAY.COM
TO HELP CHILDREN
GET THE SUPPORT THEY ARE OWED**
New Website Will Help Find Missing Deadbeats

QUEEN'S PARK – The McGuinty government is unveiling www.goodparentspay.com, a new website that will post pictures and information to help find parents who are refusing to make court-ordered child support payments, Minister of Community and Social Services Madeleine Meilleur announced today.

“Children should not suffer because of a parent who refuses to live up to his or her financial responsibilities,” said Meilleur. “Good parents pay child support. For those who don't, we want to make things very clear: we will find you and we will make sure your children get the support they deserve.”

The new website, run by the Family Responsibility Office (FRO), will be launched in late February 2007. The FRO has also started reporting defaulting support payors to professional and occupational organizations beginning with the Law Society of Upper Canada and the Ontario Motor Vehicle Industry Council.

“This is a really great tool, and we are very happy to see that the government is committed to tracking down parents who are irresponsible,” said Kaarina Pakka, co-founder of Mothers Against Fathers In Arrears. “People must realize and honour their obligations to their children, and until it becomes a part of our culture to do so, we will need tools like this to remind people of their responsibilities.”

The new tools to help children get the support they deserve are the most recent measures by the McGuinty government to strengthen enforcement at the FRO. Other enforcement measures introduced since 2004 include the Credit Bureau Initiative, which has collected more than \$330 million, and making it easier for the FRO to obtain a financial statement from a third party that is financially linked to a default payor.

This is the latest example of how the McGuinty government is strengthening Ontario by strengthening Ontario's families. Other initiatives include:

- Investing more than \$1.2 billion this year to protect children and youth at risk and give them the best possible chance for future success
- Committing \$301 million towards the creation of 15,000 affordable housing units and the provision of 5,000 housing allowances, including 500 specifically for victims of domestic violence
- Helping young people facing significant challenges to achieve success through a \$28.5 million Youth Opportunities Strategy that expands community-based mentorship, job readiness, employment skills training and youth leadership programs.

“The new website will help the FRO work better for Ontario children and their families,” said Meilleur. “When families are stronger, Ontario is stronger.”

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