

## **Child Support Update June 2008**

**Background:** FTB is working with the Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) to develop and deploy a Single Statewide Child Support System for California. This effort is called the California Child Support Automation System (CCSAS). A single statewide system is required by the Federal Government in Family Support Act of 1988. California missed this deadline and began paying the federal government penalties. Currently these penalties are in abeyance.

**CCSAS Implementation to Counties.** All counties are on version 1 of CCSAS and 67% of the counties are on version 2 of the system. We are working with Santa Clara & Yuba for a June 1 implementation. All counties will be on version 2 in November 2008. Los Angeles is the final county.

**Federal Certification.** Federal penalties were put in abeyance in September 2006. Once the federal government certifies CCSAS as an "alternative system configuration" the state gets a \$190 million rebate of prior penalties paid. This federal certification is in process and the final visit by the auditors is June 10. We expect this process to be complete by June 30 so the refund is received in the 07/08 fiscal year.

Another federal certification will occur after Los Angeles is on version 2 of CCSAS.

**Transition of CCSAS from FTB to DCSS.** Both FTB and DCSS have submitted BCPs for transitioning the CCSAS responsibilities to DCSS. Currently, this proposal is being reviewed by the Legislature. If passed as proposed, responsibility for the project move to DCSS 7/1/08 and FTB staff will transition to DCSS 1/1/09. We have formed joint FTB/DCSS team and a Transition Steering Committee Meeting to work on this effort.