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## **NCSEA Congratulates Mr. Scott M. Lekan on Appointment as Dept. of Health & Human Services' Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) Commissioner**

**MCLEAN, VA** – The National Child Support Enforcement Association (NCSEA) extends its congratulations to NCSEA member Scott M. Lekan, who was today appointed Commissioner of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services' (HHS) Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE). Mr. Lekan assumes the Commissioner's office from Acting Commissioner Donna Bonar.

"On behalf of NCSEA, I want to congratulate Scott Lekan for his appointment as OCSE Commissioner," stated Joe Mamlin, 2016-2017 NCSEA President. "As an NCSEA member and former IV-D program director for the state of Arizona, Mr. Lekan has proven to be a tremendous advocate for the child support program, using his knowledge from both public and private sector service to help strengthen the benefits our program provides to the children and parents we serve. Mr. Lekan's expertise, as well as his desire to help shape the IV-D program for the future, will prove beneficial to NCSEA's members and the child support community as a whole."

Mr. Lekan takes over a program that is a model for efficiency in government. According to OCSE's preliminary Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016 Report to Congress, the IV-D program cost-effectiveness ratio in FFY16 was \$5.33 collected for every \$1 of government funds invested in the program. "The IV-D program has a long history of providing a significant return-on-investment for the families we serve," said Mamlin. "Mr. Lekan ably takes the helm of one of the most successful federal programs in history and continues the recent legacy of former OCSE Commissioner Vicki Turetsky and, most recently, Acting OCSE Commissioner Donna Bonar."

Continued Mamlin, "NCSEA stands ready to support Scott Lekan as he embarks on his new journey as OCSE Commissioner and will continue its work alongside OCSE in shaping the future of the child support program."

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