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**DEVASTATING EFFECTS UNEMPLOYMENT HAS ON CHILD SUPPORT COMMUNITY**

*Effects of Unemployment can be damaging to families not receiving payments as well as the non-custodial parent that owes Child Support.*

**(BALTIMORE) JANUARY 14, 2011** – “Unemployment is a huge burden within itself. However, the lingering effects can spread to license suspension, negative credit bureau reporting, and pending court dates,” says Keino Stephenson, founder of WeAreParents.org, a Baltimore-based private child support agency. According to Stephenson, whose company offers free information to both custodial and non-custodial parents affected by unemployment, many non-custodial parents fail to notify the local child support office of their employment status.

Failure to notify the local child support office may lead to spiraling problems for the unemployed parent up to and including incarceration. “Whenever there is a change in employment status, non-custodial parents need to be proactive and let the local child support office know immediately!” WeAreParents.org has reached out to the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to facilitate free seminars to the unemployed. For free information and advice, please go to [www.weareparents.org](http://www.weareparents.org) and click on the ‘Unemployment – NEED TO KNOW’ link on the homepage.

WeAreParents.org is a private child support agency that serves as an intermediary between the parents and the local child support office, representing the interests of custodial and non-custodial parents alike. The agency also assists with co-parenting agreements as well as provides private child support consulting to public and private partners. According to Stephenson, “true child support should embody all of the necessary tools it takes to shape the fabric of a child such as custody, visitation, time and a positive influence from both parents.” For more information please go to [www.weareparents.org](http://www.weareparents.org).

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