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Greene County Prosecutor's Child Support Office to Make Cost Saving Move

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces the Springfield Regional Prosecutors' Child Support Office, a unit of the Greene County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, will relocate to the Cox Medical Tower in February 2012. "I'm excited about the upcoming move," said Patterson. "The new location will be more accessible by the public it serves, it will be more efficient in terms of proximity to the courthouse and office design and the lease agreement will result in a cost savings."

In February 2009, the Prosecutors' Child Support Office moved out of the Greene County Judicial Courts Facility to make room for two new courtrooms, Associate Circuit Court Division 25 and Family Court Division 4. The Division 25 courtroom is used by visiting judges to assist with Greene County's crowded small claims and creditors' dockets, while the additional family court was added to manage the growing domestic relations dockets of divorces, modifications of support or custody and the enforcement actions for those orders. Greene County determined that the addition of these new courtrooms outweighed the Prosecutors' Child Support Office's need to stay on campus. These offices were relocated to their current location at 313 South Street in downtown Springfield

In February, the multi-county child support office serving families in Greene, Christian and Taney Counties will move from South Street to the sixth floor of Cox Medical Tower, 1443 N. Robberson, Springfield, just north of the Judicial Courts Facility and west of Cox North Hospital.

Greene County used a bidding process with four locations to determine the best location and terms for the four-year lease with five annual options. Cox Medical Tower offered the best location for proximity to the Judicial Courts Facility. The new location will also result in a more efficient office design as well as lower lease expenses.

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The Prosecutors' Child Support Office is part of the Missouri's Title IV-D Child Support program administered by the Missouri Department of Social Services, Family Support Division. The Prosecutors' Child Support Office judicially establishes and enforces child support orders for custodial parents who have in the past or currently are receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and/or MO HealthNet benefits, as well as for those custodial parents who have never received those benefits, but who have applied for free assistance from the State with their child support orders. As part of the IV-D program, the Springfield Regional Prosecutors' Child Support Office is supported by the general revenue budget of Greene County. Those general revenue funds, however, are currently reimbursed 100 percent by a state grant from the Family Support Division.

The Springfield Regional Prosecutors' Child Support Office expects to relocate during the week of Feb. 13 and be open for appointments and visitors in the new location by Feb. 21. Parties involved with cases in this office will be notified by mail of the new location and contact information.

The Springfield Regional Prosecutors' Child Support Office is under the direction of First Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Lara Webb Fors and Office Manager Tracy Ison. The Prosecutors of the participating counties are Dan Patterson, Greene County; Amy Fite, Christian County; and Jeff Merrell, Taney County.

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