



## Interstate Data Exchange Consortium



### *In Memory:*

**Andy Szymak**

**December 13, 1962 – March 6, 2014**

*Andrew 'Andy' Victor Szymak of Edmond, OK passed away at the age of 51 after a long and courageous battle with colon cancer.*

*Andy served on the IDEC board as an involved and valuable member since September 2002, when he attended his first IDEC board meeting in Williamsburg, VA. IDEC Director Tom Christmus says, "I remember seeing him walking on the William and Mary campus, while soaking up the history of Williamsburg. We really appreciate his friendship and all of Andy's contributions to IDEC."*

*Andy will be greatly missed by those that knew and loved him, including the IDEC Board.*

*The following article was posted on the ERICSA (Eastern Regional Child Support Association) website:*

With heavy hearts, the ERICSA board wishes to announce the passing of Andrew Szymak, a member of the Board of Directors, from Edmond, Oklahoma, on March 6, 2014. Andy served on the ERICSA board since Spring of 2012. Andy was the FIDM coordinator for the State of Oklahoma and a great supporter, attendee and speaker of many past ERICSA conferences. His wife, Christin Semprebson Szymak, formerly of the Vermont child support program, is a former ERICSA Board of Director with many friends still in the organization.

Andy was born in Pasadena, California on December 13, 1962. He graduated from John Marshall High School and received a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of California at Irvine. He continued on to graduate from the Oklahoma City University School of Law. He has been a member of the Oklahoma State Bar Association since 1997.

Andy was a dedicated long-time employee for the State of Oklahoma's Department of Human Services Child Support Enforcement program. He ended his career in the position of program coordinator. He also proudly served as the Oklahoma state representative and board member for national child support conference organizations such as the Eastern Regional Interstate Child Support Association and the Interstate Data Exchange Consortium, which allowed him to travel across the country frequently to share his knowledge and expertise with others.

Andy enjoyed travel and was a voracious reader, and was an aviation and history buff. He was also an avid fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers, and was known for wearing his black and yellow football jacket with matching knit hat during the winter. He loved animals and always doted on his dogs. He is remembered and cherished for his gentle unassuming nature, and his enthusiastic sense of optimism, which inspired those around him.

Andy is survived by his wife, Christin; his daughter and son-in-law, Danielle and Jamie Bailey of Carrollton, Texas; his three step-children, Laurel, Louisa, and Liam Semprebson; his mother Marilyn Szymak, and sister and brother-in-law, Donna and Wes Zuchowski, all of Pasadena, California; and his niece Julie Spencer and her husband Nathaniel, of Manhattan Beach, California.

Andy is also survived by his childhood best friend of over 40 years, Mark Augustyn of Sandy, Utah, the Augustyn family, as well as many other loving friends and numerous cousins hailing from the countries of England, Spain, Holland, Czech Republic, Poland, and Canada.

Andy was preceded in death by his father, Victor Szymak. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Free to Live Animal Sanctuary, PO Box 5884, Edmond, OK 73083.

### *A Letter from the Director*



Dear Colleague:

This issue of the Finder is dedicated to the memory of Andrew "Andy" Victor Szymak. He was a true friend, and loved his family and faith. Andy's contributions and dedication to IDEC are appreciated indeed, and he will be greatly missed. Andy served on the IDEC Board of Directors since September 2002. He spent countless hours serving on committees and sharing his vast knowledge with others. He loved his work and was very generous with his time, knowing the benefits would be to the children and families he served. We are sorry for his loss and will remember him as a tremendously remarkable man.

Sincerely,

*Thomas L. Christmus*

Thomas L. Christmus, IDEC Director  
South Carolina Department of Social Services  
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# Why IDEC?

*North Carolina Chief explains why IDEC is a good fit for families in your state*



Dear Colleague,

North Carolina is always looking for ways to make the best use of our resources. We are a full member of the IDEC Consortium, benefiting from the internet-based location database and automated batch location as well as Financial Institution Data Matches (FIDM) for delinquent non-custodial parents that we are not provided through the OCSE multi-state matches.

The IDEC Consortium is state-owned and operated. States may join as full members or as FIDM Limited Partners through a state contract containing a memorandum of understanding agreement. You may want to consider joining as a Limited Partner in order to boost your collections. States have access to matched data without making any changes to their existing systems or

software or vendor contracts. States may elect to submit all or a portion of their delinquent caseload each quarter as well as have the option to receive their match files quarterly, monthly, or weekly.

Limited partners become reciprocal partners with the IDEC Consortium in that each state agrees to process a standard file against the others' financial institutions. In return, the IDEC states are given access to accounts in the participating limited partnership states.

There are approximately 4,000 financial institutions actively participating in the IDEC FIDM process in fifteen states. Matches for the full member FIDM states totaled 545,572 for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2013, with located potential collections totaling \$402,749,996. In addition, the 9 Limited Partnership states from the Alliance Consortium contributed an additional 59,965 matches. The average matched compliance rate for banks reporting was over 99 percent, yielding a high rate of matches and potential collections.

If you are interested in taking advantage of full membership with the IDEC Consortium for Location, FIDM, or Limited Partnership, please visit our website at [www.IDEConsortium.com](http://www.IDEConsortium.com) or call Tom Christmus at 803.898.7342. I encourage your state to consider these cost effective services.



Daisie Blue, Chief,  
North Carolina Child Support Services

## Success Stories: Way to Go West Virginia!

*Child Support Enforcement Trio Teams Up to Collect \$2 Million for West Virginia Children*

A new unit within the Bureau for Child Support Enforcement (BCSE) Central Operations Unit in Charleston, WV has had a tremendous year affecting positive outcomes for West Virginia's children. In 2013, the newly created Enforcement Unit collections totaled over \$2 million in child support – almost doubling the collections from the previous year. This success is due to the hard work and combined efforts of Carla Smith, Financial Institution Data Match Coordinator, Paula Lacy, Child Support Lien Network Coordinator, and Martine Breeden, who works on unemployment compensation intercepts. The dedicated efforts of Carla Smith, Martine Breeden & Paula Lacy have made a phenomenal impact on the financial stability for West Virginia's children. Congratulations to BCSE's Enforcement Unit on an amazing year!



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