What can we do for you and your child?

We can:

• Locate the noncustodial parent of a child
• Establish and enforce a medical support order for the child
• Establish paternity for a child born to unmarried parents
• Get a child support order established
• Collect child support
• Ask a judge to modify a child support order if there have been changes in income

We cannot assist with contested visitation, custody, property settlements or alimony.

Where do you start?

For more information or an application for child support services:

• OKC area 405-522-2273
• Tulsa area 918-295-3500
• Toll free 1-800-522-2922

Help us locate Oklahoma Child Support Most Wanted and Missing Parents online at www.okdhs.org

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Raising a child is a big responsibility. Children require lots of love, care, attention and money to live on. Every child has the legal right to receive the financial support of both parents, whether the parents are separated, divorced or were never married. If you are a single parent, we may be able to help you with this responsibility.

Who are we?
Child Support Services is a special part of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services that helps children receive the financial support they deserve from both parents. We work with parents, custodians, courts, employers and other agencies to set child support orders and ensure that parents pay the support they are supposed to pay.

Research shows that children who have financial support from both of their parents are more likely to succeed in life. A child receiving reliable support is more likely to continue his or her education and have stable relationships of his or her own. Paying child support is one way for parents to play a part in helping their child succeed.

Who is eligible for our services?
Any custodial person (the person with custody of the child) or noncustodial parent (the parent ordered to pay) may request child support services.
How do we collect child support?
The easiest way to collect child support is to deduct it from the noncustodial parent’s paycheck. We receive the money from the employer and send it out. This is called an income assignment and requires an income withholding order.

If payments are missed, our goal is to get a monthly repayment plan toward the past-due support in addition to any current support owed.
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Other collection tools include:
- Taking money out of the noncustodial parent’s federal and state income tax refunds
- Seizing money in the noncustodial parent’s bank accounts
- Intercepting lottery winnings, workers’ compensation, insurance settlements and Social Security
- Placing a lien on the noncustodial parent’s house or property
- Suspending licenses, like a driver’s license, hunting license, plumber’s license or other professional, occupational or recreational licenses
- Filing a contempt action when the noncustodial parent has the ability to comply with the court-ordered payment plan but has not paid; if the noncustodial parent fails to pay, the judge may sentence the noncustodial parent to jail time
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