

Location

How Does the CSEA Find the Person Who Owes Child Support?

The Lucas County Child Support Agency utilizes many resources when attempting to locate a Non-Custodial or Putative Parent or any income/assets of those individuals. The Support Enforcement Tracking System (SETS) automatically initiates location through many resources and provides for tracking of location efforts.

The automated location begins when a party's address becomes invalid and will continue until an address has been found. The SETS system will also accept any incoming income information regarding a person even when an address is invalid. This may be the most difficult and time consuming part of the process. Noncustodial parents sometimes move without notifying anyone, work off the books, or don't work at all making the collection of child support very difficult. To overcome this, various data bases are matched against CSEA's list of noncustodial parents who owe past due child support.

Location tools include:

- Employer New Hire reporting
- Financial institution records
- IRS information
- Driver and other license records
- Government program records
- Utility company records
- Internet databases

The custodial parent is a key partner in this process. Once the noncustodial parent's employer is located, an Income Withholding Order may be issued to start support payments going to the children.