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Child Support Update

November 17,2026

Child Support Vision:

All children we serve will have the economic support they need to thrive

Child Support Mission:

We will collaborate with key partners to deliver an effective, family-centered approach that ensures the financial stability of children



About… Amanda Pierzyna

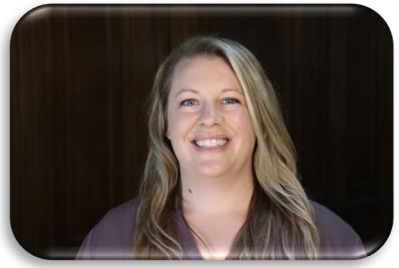
- Child Support Supervisor
- 10 years with Goodhue County
- Lead a team of Child Support Officers (CSOs) and Support Enforcement Officers (SEOs) who work together to provide services to families and ensure compliance with Minnesota child support laws and policies.
- Member of Safe Access for Victims' Economic Security (SAVES) program

About… Natalie Littfin

- Child Support Lead
- Current priority is 1:1 training of two of our newest team members
- Current member of: QI/PM Committee, PAUSE, Strategic Planning Committee, SME/SharePoint Team, Power Half Hour, Good Cause Committee, Regional Line Staff Co-leader
- 8.5 years with Goodhue County













99 years of Service to Goodhue County

Supervisor:

- Amanda Pierzyna (10yrs)

- Child Support Lead Worker:

- Natalie Littfin (8yrs)

Child Support Officers:

- Bobbi Sinn (10yrs)

- Rebecca Swenning (4yrs)

- Molly Matthees (7yrs)

- Alyssa Hinderscheid (5yrs)

- Josee Garrison (1yr)

Support Enforcement Officers:

- Jody Bade (32yrs)

- Kelly Seyffer (21yrs)

- Carly Winter (1yr)











Child Support believes that the strongest foundation for society is the family.

Children do better when both parents are involved, even if parents are no longer together.

Research shows child support payments reduce child poverty and improve economic independence, leading to better social and health outcomes.

Stable employment is one of the most effective tools for long-term economic and health security. By holding noncustodial parents accountable, we promote work and help ensure the benefits of employment reach the children who need them most.

Services we provide to 1,480 children:

Establish & Modify	Establish child support orders and determine appropriate support amounts using Minnesota's child support guidelines. Review existing orders when a parent or the agency requests a modification.
Locate	Use available information and investigative resources to locate parents, verify their whereabouts, and obtain information needed to establish and enforce child support orders.
Parentage	Establish legal parentage through voluntary acknowledgment or genetic testing when needed, helping ensure children have access to financial support from both parents.
Enforce	Use enforcement remedies to address unpaid or past-due child support and promote compliance with court-ordered obligations.
Collect & Disburse	Collect child support payments, commonly through income withholding from a non-custodial parent paycheck and distribute payments to the appropriate parent or guardian. Disbursed: $4,566,882.44 (2026 fiscal year)

Federal Performance Measures

Orders Established	All children in child support cases have appropriate support orders. **Goodhue: 86.8% -** MN: 85.9%
Paternities Established	All children have established parentage. **Goodhue: 100.74%** - MN: 95.9%
Collections on Current	All children in child support cases receive timely and consistent financial support from parents as ordered. **Current Charging: $4,364,175 Paid: $3,245,008.13** **Goodhue: 74.8%** - MN: 72.9%
Collections on Arrears	All children in child support cases will receive payments on overdue support. **Goodhue: 69.45%** - MN: 68.9%
Cost Effectiveness	The child support program will be efficient and responsive in its operations. **Goodhue $2.99** - MN: $2.42

SAVES – Safe Access for Victims' Economic Security:

- Strengthened safety for domestic abuse survivors accessing child support services.
- Issued joint guidance on the Good Cause exemption with public assistance programs.
- Enhanced systems to help staff identify and track safety concerns.



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Domestic Violence & Child Support, by the numbers

4 out of 10 custodial parents report domestic violence with the other parent on their case

4 out of 10 victims of domestic violence homicide had open child support cases (2022 nationally)

1 in 10 custodial parent have their case flagged with a family violence indicator (nationally)

8 out of 10 survivor parents report staying with or returning to an abuser because of financial insecurity

Our goal:
Safe access to services, without compromising safety

The Child Support Program and Income Maintenance Unit work together to help families access public assistance and child support services while recognizing and addressing domestic violence concerns.

Recognize Safety Concerns	Coordinate Across Programs	Protect Sensitive Information	Support Economic Stability
Domestic violence can affect whether it is safe for a survivor to provide information, cooperate with child support, or have information shared with the other parent.	Child Support and IMU communicate and coordinate within confidentiality rules to identify concerns, understand program requirements, and help connect families with appropriate protections.	Take appropriate steps to safeguard addresses, contact details, and other sensitive information that could put a survivor at risk.	Help families access available benefits and services while considering safety, eligibility, and applicable cooperation requirements.

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Any questions?



