

**Policy 7.01 Implementation Plan**  
**Division of Child Support (DCS), Yakima Field Office and the Yakama Nation**  
 Biennium Timeframe: July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2012  
 Updated 03/01/2011

Implementation Plan				Progress Report
(1) Goals/Objectives	(2) Activities	(3) Expected Outcome	(4) Lead Staff and Target Date	(5) Status Update for the Fiscal Year
<p><i>1. Maximize the efficiency of communication between the Yakima DCS Field Office and the Yakama Nation</i></p>	<p>1.1 Increase use of updated DCS informational flyers, newspaper articles, and radio features</p>	<p>Improve customer services through increased information on child support services.</p>	<p>Abel French, Juan Ramirez -Ongoing</p>	<p>Flyer was developed and posted at various locations throughout the Yakama Nation. Follow up on developing radio public service announcements and newspaper articles about DCS services on hold because of budget limitations.</p>
	<p>1.2 Conduct a child support outreach forum at the Seelatsee Auditorium on the Yakama Nation Reservation. While the forum will be open to the public, it will target the Yakama Nation and the Native American community.</p>	<p>Educate and inform attendees about child support services and processes. Follow up with specific case requests as needed.</p>	<p>Abel French, Juan Ramirez, Dennis Gough, Sylvia Flores -Fall, 2011</p>	<p>Will solicit participation from the DCS Tribal Relations Team in this outreach effort.</p>
	<p>1.3 Meet with Yakama Nation Administrators regularly including representatives from OIP to develop DCS – Region 2 DSHS Administrative Policy 7.01 Plan.</p>	<p>Foster consultation, communication and collaboration.</p>	<p>Sylvia Flores, Phillip Ambrose, Dennis Gough, Abel French, Juan Ramirez -Ongoing</p>	<p>Presently most meetings occur informally when TL Abel French is at the Yakama Nation DCS Outstation on Thursdays. Abel met with Yakama Nation Court Judges 11/04/2010. Abel &amp; Dennis attended Joint 7.01 meeting May 18, 2010 with DSHS, Children’s Administration, DCS, CSD and the Nak Nu We Sha Program, Stella Washines, Tribal Councilwoman also attended. Abel and Sylvia attended a Children’s Administration 7.01 meeting on Jan. 27, 2011. We were given an opportunity to say a few words about DCS services to the YN to three Tribal Council Members present, Ms. Lavina Washines, Ms. Athena Sanchez and Mr. Donald Isadore. Abel, Dennis and Sylvia met with Tribal Judge Hillary Renick, Law &amp; Order Committee Members; Mr. Richard George, Mr. Gerald Lewis; Appellate Judge Ne’sha Jackson, Tribal Prosecutor David Lees and OIP Phillip Ambrose. We shared a binder</p>

	<p>1.4 Facilitate Genetic Testing for Yakama Nation parents that have a DCS case and are required by Tribal Court Order to obtain genetic testing.</p> <p>1.5 Participate in planning and implementation of the Native American Career Fair, Tribal WorkFirst Conference, Local Planning Area (LPA) meetings, Special Coming Together Conference sponsored by the Yakama Nation.</p>	<p>Establish paternity for more children and offer easier accessibility to DCS program services.</p> <p>Increase DCS program knowledge in the Yakama Nation community. Make DCS services more accessible.</p>	<p>Abel French, Juan Ramirez, -Ongoing</p> <p>Sylvia Flores, Dennis Gough, Abel French, Juan Ramirez -Ongoing</p>	<p>of the child support history with DCS and the YN from 1990 to present. On March 10, 2011 Abel and Sylvia attended the CSD 7.01 meeting held in the YN Tribal Council Chambers. We were able to speak to Tribal Council Member Stella Washines about our plan to request a DCS 7.01 meeting. Ms. Washines was agreeable, indicated this may be a very good time to address child support. She said Tribal Prosecutor David Lees is pursuing approval for moving forward with a federal grant application for a Tribal IV-D program.</p> <p>Genetic testing is facilitated by Tribal Team and submitted to Orchid Cellmark for processing. Tests are only done if the parties are ordered to do so through the YN Tribal Court. The genetic testing occurs at the DCS Outstation located at the Yakama Nation business campus in Toppenish, WA.</p> <p>Abel French is recognized at the Yakama Nation as a resource in child support matters. He continues to be invited to contribute a DCS program service report that has been included in the YN Annual Report from 2007 to 2010.</p>
<p>2. <i>Ensure efforts are made to recruit/hire American Indian staff reflective of the service population</i></p>	<p>2.1 Distribute recruitment bulletins and job announcements to the Yakama Nation Dept. of Personnel.</p>	<p>Notifications of job openings become available. A diverse workforce is hired.</p>	<p>Dennis, Gough and DSHS Human Resources Division</p>	<p>DSHS/ESA/DCS continues to be in a hiring freeze. However, when the freeze is lifted we will work closely with the YN Personnel office to publicize vacant positions to promote qualified candidates to apply.</p>
<p>3. <i>Identify outstanding issues/gaps in service and develop performance expectations, which can be implemented, monitored and evaluated.</i></p>	<p>3.1 Record and monitor the number of DCS customers that come into the DCS Outstation on Thursdays.</p> <p>3.1a Ensure 100% coverage at DCS Outstation at the Yakama Nation every Thursday of each week.</p>	<p>Improve accessibility to the Yakama Nation community of DCS services.</p> <p>Timely and accessible DCS customer service.</p>	<p>Abel French, Juan Ramirez -Ongoing</p> <p>Abel French, Juan Ramirez -Ongoing</p>	<p>We provide direct DCS services to customers from 9am to 3pm every Thursday at the DCS Outstation located on the Yakama Nation business campus in Toppenish, WA. We average 12 customers per Thursday at the DCS Outstation. Oftentimes referrals are made to other social services pending the needs of the DCS customers.</p> <p>Abel and Juan have security clearance through the Yakama Nation Homeland Security Office to have access to the Yakama Nation Agency.</p>

	3.2 Update Indian Owned Business and Enterprise List for Yakama Nation to be included in SEMS Web TI Screen.	Update periodically as needed.	Abel French & Juan Ramirez -Ongoing	The DCS Outstation at the Yakama Nation permits DCS the ability to provide direct services to customers in privacy.  The SEMS Web information on Yakama Nation owned businesses' is current.
4. <i>Act as a resource to the Yakama Nation's ability to develop their own IV-D program &amp; respect the sovereignty of the Yakama Nation</i>	4.1 Facilitate the discussions of local Tribal-State agreements.	Act as a resource to the Yakama Nation and Region X Office of Support Enforcement.	Sylvia Flores, Dennis Gough, Abel French, Phillip Ambrose	Tribal Prosecutor David Lees has submitted a proposal to the YN Law & Order Committee to consider applying for federal funding for a Tribal IV-D Program. We anticipate upcoming discussions about the benefits of Tribal IV-D programs. DCS will invite DCS HQ Tribal Relations Team to assist with resource information, if necessary. The federal Region X Office of Child Support Enforcement is also another resource.
	4.2 Identify Yakima Field Office data for tribal cases involving multiple jurisdictions.	Identify number of cases/children.	Abel French & Juan Ramirez	Determine number of cases that would benefit from an agreement involving cross-jurisdiction of Tribal cases.