

## Chapter 13: Tribal Enforcement

### Section 13.025: Taking Action when Tribal TANF Terminates

This section describes what actions to take on a case when DCS becomes aware that a tribal TANF grant has ended.

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Laws	42 USC 612 Tribal TANF 42 USC 654 Cooperative Child Support Agreements Chapter 26.25 RCW Cooperative child support services - tribes WAC 388-14A-5000 - 5100 Allows DCS to distribute support money to a tribe with TANF program or cooperative agreements
Policy	When tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) stops, the Tribal Liaison will verify it with the tribe.  After tribal TANF stops, the Tribal Liaison will move current support and temporarily assigned arrears back to the Division of Child Support (DCS) main case, unless a tribe requests otherwise.
Procedure	After tribal TANF terminates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continue to collect tribal TANF arrears owed to the tribe.</li><li>• If need from the tribe, request a payment record from the tribe showing distribution of child support.</li><li>• Transfer any Temporarily Assigned Arrears back to the main DCS case.</li><li>• If current support remains owing, transfer it back to the original case.</li></ul> <b>Exceptions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unless otherwise stated in a cooperative agreement, protocol or Memorandum of Understanding.</li><li>• The custodial parent (CP) requests case closure.</li><li>• There are no eligible children in the home.</li></ul> Set special instructions (SI) if you have a question regarding whether or not there are eligible children in the home.  Make necessary adjustments to the Support Enforcement Management System (SEMS) screens.

Visual Aids	Tribal Relations Internet site
Automated Actions	
SEMS Screens	CF, BC, IA, WB, CC
Forms Used	18-571, 18-617
Hearing and Conference Board Rights	Refer all requests to the Regional Tribal Liaison or Tribal Claims Officer.
See Also	18.000 Identifying a Case for Closure OCSE-AT-05-07 Tribal Child Support Program Final Rule

## Procedures

### A. How will I know if tribal TANF terminates?

- You will receive notification from:
  - a. The tribe.
  - b. The custodial parent (CP).

**Note:** The Tribal Liaison verifies with the tribe that the CP has stopped receiving tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

### B. What case actions do I take?

1. Continue to collect on the tribal TANF arrears owed to the tribe.
2. On the basic case (**BC**) change case Type to **0** (blank) and Subro to **1** (TANF).
3. Set special instructions (**SI**) if there is a question about whether or not there are eligible children in the home.
4. If needed from the tribe, request a copy of the payment record showing distribution of payments.

**Note:** You may need this to determine the amount of nonassistance arrears and tribal TANF arrears.

5. Transfer any temporarily assigned arrears back to the original Division of Child Support (DCS) case.
  - **Note:** The original case is the one from which you originally transferred the CP's current and CP's arrears to the tribal TANF case.
6. If the NCP owes current support, transfer it back to the original case. **Exceptions:**

- a. Unless otherwise stated in a cooperative agreement, protocol or Memorandum of Understanding,
  - b. The CP requests case closure.
  - c. No eligible children remain in the home.
7. Follow closure procedures outlined in section 18.035.
    - Send the **Child Support Enforcement Transmittal #2 - Subsequent Actions**, DSHS 18-571 or the **DCS and Tribe Information Change Notice**, DSHS 18-617 to the tribe.

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