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Chehalis Tribe and Chehalis CSO**

Implementation Plan				Progress Report
Goals/Objectives	Activities	Expected Outcome	Staff Responsible	Status Update
(1) Prepare and disseminate pertinent statistics on the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation.	A. The CSO will provide annual updates on the number of Tribal members receiving assistance.	Clear and accurate knowledge of the number of Tribal members receiving services from the CSO.	<p>CSO-Administration: Larry Green, CSO Administrator 360-740-3801 greenlp@dshs.wa.gov</p> <p>CSO-Work First: Philip C. Peet, Work First Supervisor 360-740-3827 peetpc@dshs.wa.gov</p>	<p>Chehalis Tribal Members receiving benefits through the Chehalis CSO:</p> <p><i>A report provided by Region 3 indicates the following information:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Total served by Chehalis CSO = 216</i> • <i>Total served state-wide = 318</i> <p align="center">  Tribal Members Served by Region 3, I </p>

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<p>(2) Work with the Chehalis Tribe to determine the needs for, negotiate and implement local Tribal-State agreements and protocols, and ensure communication with the Chehalis Tribal Government for the purpose of information sharing, consultation, joint planning, problem solving, MOU's, contracts, and processes.</p>	<p>Identify needs of Chehalis Tribal Members and whether current programs and policies meet these needs. Identify outstanding issues/gaps in service and develop performance expectations, monitoring and evaluation.</p>	<p>Work in collaboration to enhance services and meet Tribal and department needs.</p> <p>The Chehalis CSO has a dedicated Tribal Liaison:</p> <p>CSO-Liaison: Katrina Cole, FSS 3 360-740-3810 MartiKJ@dshs.wa.gov</p>	<p>CSO-Liaison: Katrina Cole, FSS 3 360-740-3810 MartiKJ@dshs.wa.gov</p> <p>CSO-Back-Up Liaison: Cathy Pickus, Financial Supervisor 360-740-3855 pickuca@dshs.wa.gov</p>	<p><i>Continue to utilize the Chehalis CSO Tribal Liaison to work with the Tribe to enhance services and meet tribal needs through ready availability and prompt replies to emails and phone calls.</i></p> <p><i>Additionally, a DSHS liaison can be available, on-site with the tribe, based on changing Tribal business needs.</i></p>

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<p>(3) Teen Living Assessments (TLAs) are to include the Tribe. (See link below.) Social-services-manual/pregnant-and-parenting-minors/tribal-minors</p>	<p>A. DSHS social workers conducting Teen Living Assessments (TLAs) (WAC 388-486-0005) will reach out to the tribe via phone, email, or in-person.</p>	<p>Appropriateness of teen living situations through input and advice from the Tribe.</p>	<p>CSO-TLA: Nancy Pedersen, Social Service Specialist 360-740-3842 PedernK@dshs.wa.gov</p> <p>Tribe: Frances Pickernell, Protective Services Manager 360-628-6141 (cell) 360-709-1745 fpickernell@chehalis tribe.org</p>	<p><i>Social Workers conducting TLAs will include the Tribe in accordance with policy.</i></p> <p><i>Nancy Pedersen has agreed to be the DSHS TLA point of contact for the Tribe regarding pregnant and minor teens of the tribe.</i></p>

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	<p>B. Information shared from CSD Headquarters will disseminate information to assist the Tribe in accessing services offered through DSHS.</p>	<p>Improve service delivery of DSHS programs to Tribal members.</p>	<p>DSHS, ESA: Martin Bohl, Tribal Relations Program Administrator for TANF. 360-725-4656 Martin.bohl@dshs.wa.gov</p>	<p><i>The CSD Tribal Relations and TANF Program Administrator presented information on Washington Connections as a resource available to the Tribe and provided an update on additional information on Tribal eligibility, such as: sources of unearned income, application of Indian Country Disregard, and the American Indian Labor Force Report, published by the Department of Interior.</i></p>
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<p>(4) Indian Country Disregard</p>	<p>Per WAC 388-484-0010, months of cash assistance do not count against the sixty-month lifetime limit while you are an adult living in Indian Country, where at least fifty percent of Indian adults are not employed. Below is the link to this WAC: http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=388-484-0010</p>	<p>The EAZ Manual currently and still reflects the not employed rate for Chehalis at 14.4%, per the report effective 2013 to present, until the next BIA report is published. https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/tanfsfa-time-limits/indian-country-disregard</p>	<p>CSO-Work First: Philip C. Peet, Work First Supervisor 360-740-3827 peetpc@dshs.wa.gov</p>	<p><i>The CSO and the Tribe will work together to determine the review process if the not employed rate is 50% or more.</i></p>

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(5) Improve communication, information sharing, consultation, joint planning, and problem solving.	A. Meetings between Tribe and CSO to disseminate information and changes.	Enhanced knowledge and understanding of programs offered by Tribe and CSO.	<p>CSO-Administration: Larry Green, CSO Administrator 360-740-3801 greenlp@dshs.wa.gov</p> <p>Tribe: Nancy Dufraine 360-709-1768 ndufraine@chehalis-tribe.org</p>	<i>Open invitation to attend LPA, WorkFirst and Financial Unit Meetings</i>
	B. The statewide Customer Service Contact Center (CSCC) will disseminate information at 7.01 meetings.	Enhanced communications of statewide call center information to Tribal members.	<p>CSCC Administration: Ron Thomas, CSCC Administrator 360-584-3150 tomar@dshs.wa.gov</p> <p>Joey Anderson, CSCC Administrator 360-397-9625 andersj@dshs.wa.gov</p>	<p><i>CSCC shared a contact list for programs administered and provided contact center updates.</i></p>  <p>Statewide CSD Contact Center - Trib.</p>

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	C. Frequent e-mail and phone contacts to share policy changes and training opportunities.	Continued open communication.	<p>CSO-Financial: Cathy Pickus, Financial Supervisor 360-740-3855 pickuca@dshs.wa.gov</p> <p>CSO-Work First: Philip C. Peet, Work First Supervisor 360-740-3827 peetpc@dshs.wa.gov</p>	<i>Continue to share and communicate pertinent information, such as community resources information. As needed, DSHS will provide on-site training for staff regarding DSHS programs. For example, DSHS programs orientation for new Tribal staff members and refresher training for veteran staff.</i>
	D. Increase Work First Participation	Work together to increase WorkFirst Participation for Tribal members.	<p>CSO-Work First: Philip C. Peet, Work First Supervisor 360-740-3827 peetpc@dshs.wa.gov</p> <p>Tribe: Marla DuPuis Conwell, MPA, Assistant General Manager 360-273-5911 x 1811 mconwell@chehalistribe.org</p>	<i>Include the Tribe in developing Work First plans, when appropriate, per WF Handbook - Tribal Participation Activities</i>

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	<p>E. Ensure Tribe is invited to participate in 60 month Reviews.</p>	<p>Comprehensive review to determine if the Tribal member qualifies for a TANF Extension.</p>	<p>CSO-Work First: Philip C. Peet, Work First Supervisor 360-740-3827 peetpc@dshs.wa.gov</p> <p>Tribe: Marla DuPuis Conwell, MPA, Assistant General Manager 360-273-5911 x 1811 mconwell@chehalistribe.org</p>	<p><i>Invite the Tribe to attend the 60-Month Case Staffing to review potential extensions.</i></p>
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	<p>F. Work First Extensions for <u>1st time child dependency</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Involved in an open child welfare case with a state or Tribal government and this is the first time the parent has had any child in dependency.</i> <p>Determine if the Tribal member qualifies for the 1st time child dependency Extension. The link to the relevant section of 3.7.1.8 in the Work First Handbook is here: https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/chapter-3-tools/371-time-limit-extension-decisions</p>	<p>Communicate with Indian Child Welfare contact to determine status.</p>	<p>CSO-Work First: Philip C. Peet, Work First Supervisor 360-740-3827 peetpc@dshs.wa.gov</p> <p>Tribe: Frances Pickernell Protective Services Manager Office 360-709-1745 Cell 360-628-6141 Fax 360-273-5207 fpickernell@chehalis tribe.org</p>	<p><i>The CSO will contact Frances Pickernell at the Indian Child Welfare office to determine if the client has a 1st time Child Dependency case when approaching 60 months on TANF.</i></p>
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Historical Data And Goals Information

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Work First Sanctions (from 2015)	Decrease number of Work First sanctioned tribal members.	Work together to decrease number of sanctions.	<p>CSO-Work First: Philip C. Peet, Work First Supervisor 360-740-3827 peetpc@dshs.wa.gov</p> <p>Tribe: Nancy Dufraine 360-709-1768 ndufraine@chehalis-tribe.org</p>	<i>The tribe is invited to a case staffing with CSO staff prior to imposing Work First Sanctions on tribal members per WF Handbook 3.6.1.6</i>
Prepare and disseminate pertinent statistics on the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation. (from 2015)	Annually update the number of tribal members receiving assistance.	Clear and accurate knowledge of the number of tribal members receiving services from the CSO.	<p>CSO-Administration: Larry Green, CSO Administrator 360-740-3801 greenlp@dshs.wa.gov</p> <p>CSO-Work First: Philip C. Peet, Work First Supervisor 360-740-3827 peetpc@dshs.wa.gov</p>	<p>Chehalis Tribal Members receiving benefits through the Chehalis CSO:</p> <p>Chehalis Tribal Members receiving benefits through the Chehalis CSO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical-172 • TANF-8 • Food Assistance-37 • Total served by Chehalis CSO in 2015 = 217