

Tribal Relations Team (TRT)

BUSINESS PLAN 2014-2018

January 2015

Purpose

We facilitate DCS's commitment to work government-to-government with Tribes.

Vision

DCS and Tribes: Bridging cultures to provide exceptional child support services.

Services

- Advocate for policy, procedure, and laws that respect tribal sovereignty; and draft DCS tribal policy
- Negotiate and draft intergovernmental child support agreements and contracts
- Assist in researching and resolving child support policy and case issues
- Provide outreach, training, and resource materials
- Provide technical assistance and presentations on child support
- Manage the DCS Tribal Relations Website

CURRENT PLAN OBJECTIVES

1. Demonstrate our respect for state/tribal relationships by providing and soliciting open, transparent and timely communication.
2. Support efforts to strengthen relationships with our tribal partners by advocating for field office budgets to include outreach activities.
3. Provide excellent service to tribal members by creating a framework to ensure that caseloads are adequately staffed and accurately worked.
4. Work with DCS Tribal Liaisons to develop guidance on the role of Tribal Liaisons and TRT members.
5. TRT will strive to strengthen relationships by attending more in-person meetings to directly connect with tribal liaisons, tribal partners and staff.

Values

Respect
Sovereignty

Relationships

Integrity

Growth &
Development

Excellence

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DCS Tribal Relations Website:

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