

Chapter 13: Tribal Enforcement

Section 13.075: Nez Perce Child Support Agreement

This section describes provisions of the Nez Perce Child Support Agreement.

Contents

Laws: 42 USC 654 (33) Cooperative child support agreements
RCW 26.25.010, 020, and 030 Cooperative child support services - tribes
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Policy: The Division of Child Support (DCS) Spokane field office will file certain paternity, establishment, enforcement, and modification cases in the Nez Perce Tribal Court, under the terms of the Nez Perce Child Support Agreement.

Procedure: If the NCP lives on the Nez Perce reservation, or is employed by the Tribe, Tribal enterprise, or by an Indian-owned business on the reservation, transfer the case to the Spokane field office.

Visual Aids: Tribal Relations Internet site

Automated Actions:

SEMS Screens: CC, IA, BI, OR

Forms Used:

Hearing and Conference Board Rights: Conference Board

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Nez Perce Child Support Agreement
OCSE-AT-98-21 Cooperative agreements between Indian Tribes and
State IV-D agencies
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Procedures

A. What is the purpose of the Nez Perce agreement?

1. The agreement establishes a process for the Division of Child Support (DCS) to file certain paternity, establishment, enforcement and modification cases, and have these cases adjudicated by the Nez Perce tribal court, according to the Tribe's laws and customs.
2. The agreement also establishes a process for the reciprocal granting of full faith and credit and enforcement of certain child support orders and judgments.

B. When is a case included under the Nez Perce agreement?

- A case is included under the agreement when the noncustodial parent (NCP):
 - a. Lives on the Nez Perce reservation,
 - b. Is employed by the Tribe, Tribal enterprise, or Indian-owned business located on the reservation, **or**
 - c. Is otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of the tribal court under the laws of the Nez Perce Tribe.

C. How do I identify a Nez Perce case?

- You may discover a Nez Perce case by one of the following:
 - a. Normal case review.

- b. Telephone calls from an NCP, custodial parent (CP), or the Tribe.
- c. Reviewing new referrals.

D. What actions do I take once a case is identified as a being a Nez Perce case?

1. Post a case comment **CC** code 76 indicating that the case is included under the Nez Perce Child Support Agreement.
2. Consult with the Spokane field office Tribal Liaison before you transfer the case to the Spokane field office.
 - Spokane Tribal Unit staff will review the case to determine any necessary action.
3. You may call the Spokane field office Tribal Liaison if you have any questions.

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