

Policy 7.01 Implementation Plan
Region 2 Community Services Division
Lummi Nation, Nooksack Indian Tribe, Samish Indian Nation, Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe, Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians, Swinomish Tribal Community, Tulalip Tribes & Upper Skagit
 Timeframe: July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027
 Revised 04/14/2026

Annual Key Due Dates:

April 3rd - CSD Regional Administrators submit 7.01 Plan and Progress Reports to CSD HQ Coordinator
 April 17th- CSD HQ Coordinator will submit Executive Summary & 7.01 PPRs to the ESA Office of Assistant Secretary for final review.
 April 24th – ESA Office of the Assistant Secretary will send all 7.01 PPRs to the Office of Indian Policy (OIP).

7.01 Meetings:

7.01 Meeting 10/14/25 - Virtual
 7.01 Meeting 01/13/26 - Virtual

Proposed next 7.01 meeting 04/14/26. Host TBD

	Yes	No
Met with Tribes?	X	
Tribe provided input?	X	
Tribal approval?	x	

				Progress Report
(1) Goals/Objectives	(2) Activities	(3) Expected Outcome	(4) Lead Staff and Target Date	(5) Status Update for the Fiscal Year Starting Last July 1
1). Support Government-to-Government relationships with federally recognized tribes in Region 2, North. Work with tribes to develop services, local agreements and Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) that best meet the needs of Region 2's Native American Indians and Alaskan Natives.	Continue quarterly CSD/Tribal meetings. Tribal representatives may invite Tribal Council Members to attend the quarterly meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to work with OIP. MOU accountability (As related to operating agreements and outstation positions) 	Progress Reviewed and updated Quarterly 7.01 PPR (Plan Progress Report) Meetings scheduled in the months of January, April, July and October per OIP's Matrix.	Lead Staff: Aimee Gone , OIP Denise Kelly , CSD R2 Tribal Liaison Alicia Solomon , CSD Bellingham CSOA – Adele "Topsy" Kinley , Tribal TANF Director for Lummi Nation Ryawn Claine , Interim General Manager, Nooksack Indian Tribe	7.01 Meetings scheduled Quarterly. <u>Operating Agreements (IGAs) sunsets:</u> Upper Skagit OA sunset 06/30/25 Lummi OA sunset 06/30/2027 Nooksack OA sunset 04/30/26 Tulalip OA sunset 03/31/2026 Record Meeting Minutes and Attendance Records and provide to all within a week of scheduled 7.01 Meetings.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribal TANF Directors will continue to work with ESA Tribal TANF Administrator to oversee, maintain, update, and renew Tribal TANF Operating Agreements(s) <p>Tribal TANF Operating Agreements are separate from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribal Planning Assistance Plans (TPAPs)*. • Intergovernmental Agreements • Data Sharing Agreements (DSAs)* • Outstation Agreements • *Tribes and DSHS/CSD Headquarters will continue to partner to oversee, maintain, update, and renew these plans/agreements 		<p>Carmen Tageant, Director of Child Support, Nooksack</p> <p>Sativa Robertson, Director of Social Services for Nooksack Indian Tribe</p> <p>Danielle Olson, Smokey Pt/Sky Vily CSOA</p> <p>DeAnna Pearl, Social & Community Services Senior Director, Samish Indian Nation</p> <p>Tracy James, SS Programs Administrator, Swinomish Indian Tribe</p> <p>Jennifer LA Pointe, GM Swinomish Indian Tribe</p> <p>Caniece Perez, Social & Employment Services Coordinator USIT</p> <p>Marilyn Scott Council person USIT</p> <p>Celica Quirarte, CSD Mt Vernon CSOA</p> <p>Danielle Hill Tulalip Tribes TANF Mgr</p> <p>Carrie Jones, Director of Social Services Tulalip Tribes</p> <p>Roseanna lukes, CM of 477/Tribal TANF Tulalip Tribes</p>	<p>Operating Agreement (OA) for Upper Skagit Tribe has been signed and completed. Sunset 06/30/25. Outstation Agreement will be signed when outstation re-opens.</p> <p>Tulalip Operating Agreement and Outstation Agreement signed and completed with Sunset dates Oper Agmt 03/31/26 and Outstation Agmt 12/31/26..</p> <p>Sauk Suiattle Outstation Agreement signed and completed. Sunsets 12/31/26.</p> <p>Lummi Operating Agreement sunsets 06/2027. Outstation Agreement signed and completed with sunset 04/01/27..</p> <p>Nooksack Operating Agreement sunsets 04/30/26 .Outstation Agreement is signed with sunset of 04/01/27.</p> <p>Swinomish Outstation Agreement sunsets 08/05/27.</p> <p>Provided reminder of sunset of Upper Skagit's Operating Agreement of 06/30/25.</p>
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2). Prepare and disseminate pertinent statistics on American Indian/Alaskan Native community populations, numbers of American Indian/Alaskan Native participants served and other relevant data as requested by the Tribes.	Continue to work with OIP Provide a report sharing pertinent data related to the tribe. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provide list of cases associated with the tribe. ○ Provide a handout of tribe statistics 	Tribes will be better informed about their member's/citizen's utilization of services that will aid in increasing participation rates for those services. Tribes will be able to ensure that Tribal Members/Citizens cases are correctly identified.	Lead Staff: Tribes & Tribal Representatives Alicia Solomon, Bellingham CSOA – Lummi & Nooksack Celica Quirarte, Mount Vernon CSOA – Samish, Swinomish & Upper Skagit Danielle Olson, Smokey Point CSOA – Tulalip, Sauk-Suiattle, Stillaguamish Target Date 06/30/27	CSD will continue to provide comparison of Native Americans/Alaskan Natives receiving services compared to the general population. CSD will continue to share demographic information General Population and Clients served. Data Reports are provided at each 7.01 Meeting.
3). Ensure efforts are made to recruit/hire American Indian/Alaska Native staff to meet the overall DSHS goal of having a diverse workforce.	Job Announcements are sent to Aimee Gone and she forwards them to the tribes. Open invitation to Tribes to contact CSD Administrators for job shadowing experiences for Native American's	Tribal members/citizens will be better informed about and able to compete for employment opportunities as they arise. Tribal members/citizens to gain insight into CSD jobs to promote recruitment and general understanding of CSD services.	Lead Staff: Tribes & Tribal Representatives Aimee Gone, DSHS/OIP Regional Manager Denise Kelly, DSHS/CSD Region Tribal Liaison	Tribal partners are encouraged to make referrals to DSHS recruitments. All R2, North Administrators are open to sharing information on openings and the skills needed for all positions/recruitments. Job shadowing or other such opportunities can be arranged. Recruitment announcements will be provided as soon as possible to Aimee Gone to be distributed throughout the Tribes with brief explanation of the

			<p>Target Date 06/30/27</p>	<p>Tulalip – Virtual M-F as scheduled w/Brigid McDevitt as well as on-site once a week, every Wednesday effective 06/06/24.</p> <p>Sauk – 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 9-3 beginning 06/08/23. (Scheduled as agreed to by Sauk's openings/events). Michelle Cruz</p> <p>Stillaguamish –point of contact continues.</p> <p>07/18/25 Lummi & Nooksack have requested additional in person days for their outstations. As of 01/14/26 decision still pending with Alicia Solomon who is working on setting meeting dates with both Lummi and Nooksack to negotiate additional outstation days.</p>
<p>5). Ensure communication with R2 North Tribes for information sharing, collaboration, joint planning, and problem solving.</p>	<p>Set up regularly scheduled meetings with the R2 North Tribes to improve communication and Coordination. (7.01 Plan Meetings)</p> <p>Continue to invite tribal representatives to LPA meetings and other appropriate forums.</p>	<p>Continue strengthening the relationships between the tribes and the department.</p>	<p>Target Date 06/30/27</p>	<p>Local Planning Area (LPA) Meetings are currently virtual with some now being held in-person.</p> <p>Snohomish County LPA– every 4th Tuesday,. Contact Jampa Jorkhang- Everett CSOA at Jampa.jorkhang@dshs.wa.gov or Danielle Olson,– Smokey Point CSOA at Danielle.olson@dshs.wa.gov with any questions.</p> <p>Skagit, Island and San Juan LPA-; Meets quarterly in March, June, September and December on the first Thursday of the month.</p> <p>Contact Celica Quirarte Celica.quirarte@dshs.wa.gov for questions.</p> <p>Whatcom County LPA- Bellingham – every 4th Friday 9AM-11AM . Contact Alicia Solomon, Alicia.solomon@dshs.wa.gov with any questions.</p>
<p>6). Identify needs of American Indian/Alaskan Native clients & communities and check status of whether current programs and policies are meeting these needs.</p> <p>Identify outstanding issues / gaps in service and develop</p>	<p>Work with R2 North Tribes and OIP staff to identify what services are needed and how they should be delivered.</p> <p>Outstation staff provided for the R2 North Tribes at the</p>	<p>Provide most advantageous customer service to tribal members/citizens.</p> <p>Increase access to services for tribal members/citizens.</p>		<p>On-going LPA and other North County resources shared with all R2 North Tribes.</p> <p>It is noted that all State TANF clients are given the opportunity to have representatives attend their case staffing (Client to extend invitation).</p> <p>As business opens and restrictions are lifted, more on-site meetings and attendance can be attended.</p>

<p>performance expectations which can be implemented, monitored and evaluated</p>	<p>tribal locations as requested by the Tribes.</p> <p>Provide representative for Q&A meetings.</p>	<p>Identify and resolve any unmet needs and service issues that are identified.</p>	<p>Mary O'Brien – Mobile Unit Admin</p> <p>Target Date 06/30/27</p>	<p>Hybrid and in-person models used for trainings, eligibility and meetings.</p> <p>Both Nooksack's (Nooksack Indian Tribe Communications page) and Tulalip's (Tulalip News page) Facebook pages has all the Tribe's updates and requests for volunteers.</p> <p>Mobile CSO – One Bus and two Vans (Region 2 Mobile Outreach Trucks) are available upon request and availability. Request for Mobile Outreach should continue to be submitted CSDMobileCSOW@dshs.wa.gov or directly to Melissa.knox@dshs.wa.gov and/or mary.obrien@dshs.wa.gov</p>
<p>7). Provide identified needed training to ESA staff on major principles of Federal Indian Law.</p> <p>Provide to R2North Tribes training as requested for ACES, SEMS, Washington Connection, overview of programs, procedures, etc.</p>	<p>Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7.01 • Government to Government • Centennial Accord • Other pertinent training as ongoing for CSD Staff. • Encourage attendance at Tribal Celebrations and events <p>Soliciting for ideas or suggestions from the Tribes in making meetings more beneficial and/or informative. Ideas for presentation and presenter also requested from all attendees.</p>	<p>Gain understanding of the history behind the activities of how tribes and the State interact and conduct business.</p> <p>Gain an understanding of each tribe's respective history, heritage and culture.</p> <p>Utilize the information from the training(s) to engage tribes at a higher level to better meet their needs</p>	<p>Target Date 06/30/27</p>	<p>Aimee Gone provides notice of scheduled trainings via email distribution list.</p> <p>Anh Ong can review Washington Connection partnership and provided information on Mydocs.</p> <p>Monthly 7.01 Training continues with Aimee Gone.</p> <p>OIP Regional Manager & CSD Tribal Liaison will continue to be available for training requests and continue to work with partners to provide training relevant to current needs/concerns.</p> <p>Ongoing virtual training of 7.01 offered on a monthly basis by Aimee Gone.</p>

**Policy 7.01 Implementation Plan with the R2 North Tribes
Region 2 Community Services Division
Historical / Completed Activities**

Date of Completion:	Activities
02/2022	State of Emergency – Tribal and State office closures, shift to virtual trainings and communications.
05/2023	State of Emergency ended.
07/2023 – 08/2023	Volunteers provided for Paddle to Muckleshoot
08/2023	Staff and Mobile unit provided to Sauk-Suiattle for Health Fair.
01/2024	Current status of Tribes with in-person outstations w/expectations of Tribes letting the State know when they want and can accommodate in-person services. Virtual calendars provided at 7.01 Meeting.
03/28/24	ACES/SEMS training completed for Lummi staff. 04/21/23 Lummi requesting ACES training for staff now that they are connected.. Kelly Jefferson will follow up with email of request, dates of availability.so that training can be scheduled. 10/20/23 Kelly will send email with names of those who need training and then trainer will be contacted for date.
05/28/24	Tulalip outstation staff updated from April Kautzman to Brigid McDevitt. Schedule updated to once per week, alternating Wednesday and Thursdays.
09/16/24	Updated contact information as new CSOA's for Mt Vernon & Smokey Point Offices. Updated Samish Tribe contacts.
09/22/25	New e-mail address for Swinomish, Samish and Upper Skagit Tribes to connect to CSO for outstation services: MtVernonOutstations@dshs.wa.gov
10/01/25	Alicia Solomon is the new CSOA for Bellingham.