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Work together to maintain open communication with the Kalispel Tribe to identify issues/gaps in service; recognize needs of Native American clients and communities; and, determine if the current programs and policies meet the needs.	Describe efforts to facilitate positive working relationships to define needs. Make use of surveys and research completed by tribal staff to make program enhancements, where possible, to improve services to Native American clients.	Identify and develop a plan to resolve issues cooperatively.	<p>Carol Lee, Region 1 Regional Administrator leeca@dshs.wa.gov 509-227-2868</p> <p>Mike Midkiff CSO Administrator, Spokane Maple CSO midkimj@dshs.wa.gov 509-227-2444</p> <p>Mark Dillon CSO Administrator, Spokane Valley -Trent CSO midkimj@dshs.wa.gov 509-227-2727</p>	<p>Interaction with the Tribe, at the program manager level, has been on an informal, case-by-case basis.</p> <p>Tribal Meeting invitations in the Spokane area have included the DSHS Assistant Secretary for Economic Services. As an example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tribal Leaders Summit, 4/10/2014, Northern Quest, where Assistance Secretary Stillman will be presenting on a variety of topics, for example, Tribal TANF, Affordable Care Act, and Tribal Income.

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	Discuss and document outstanding issues/gaps in service at meetings with the Kalispel Tribe.	Attach meeting minutes, correspondence, reports, and other documentation.	Carol Lee Mike Midkiff Mark Dillon Tribal Representatives	Meetings to address issues and/or share information are held, as requested.

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Provide pertinent statistics on Native American community and participant populations, numbers of Native American participants served, and other relevant data.	<p>Work closely to provide accurate information in a timely manner</p> <p>Complete an 'ad-hoc' request to Headquarters staff that will allow us to identify Tribal members receiving financial assistance under specific program types including medical.</p>	Assist Tribes and NAIOS in developing plans and support grant applications as well as other program enhancements they identify.	<p>Carol Lee, Mike Midkiff Mark Dillon Tribal Representatives</p>	<p>CSOs continue information-sharing with tribes on clients that are shared by both programs.</p> <p>Number of Kalispel Tribal Families receiving benefits through the CSOs: Statewide Totals: September 2015:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Program</th> <th>January 2015</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Basic Food</td> <td>50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Medical (non-cash)</td> <td>101</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TANF</td> <td>9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Childcare</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The above number may not be complete due to self-declaration and coding errors. Tribes continue to provide information regarding commodity food participants</p>	Program	January 2015	Basic Food	50	Medical (non-cash)	101	TANF	9	Childcare	
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Ensure efforts are made to recruit/hire Native American staff to meet the overall DSHS goal of having a diverse workforce.	Region 1 will work to develop recruitment efforts for tribal staff.	Document local recruitment and discussions with Tribes of recruitment efforts.	Carol Lee, Mike Midkiff Mark Dillon Tribal Representatives	Strategies have been discussed to continue to try to recruit and hire Native American applicants when filling positions.
	Training will be provided by Tribes and Region 1 CSD to staff of each organization to improve understanding of career opportunities and how each system works.	Document training plans and opportunities provided.	Carol Lee, Mark Dillon Mike Midkiff Tribal Representatives	DSHS stands ready to share information regarding job qualifications, salaries, and how to assist interested applicants with navigating the NeoGov/Careers process.
Work together to develop MOUs or processes to provide quality services to all.	Establish a process for discussion of needed agreements.	Document all discussion with Tribes of process to define and negotiate	Carol Lee, Mark Dillon Mike Midkiff Tribal Representatives	Region 1 CSD will continue to coordinate and participate in meetings with the Tribes in order to bring the Intergovernmental TANF Agreement up to date with regard to the operating

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		agreements.		agreement between the Tribal TANF program and Region 1.
Train Region 1 CSD staff on major principles of Federal Indian Law.	Ensure Region 1 CSD staff has access to the training provided by the Governor's office, DSHS, and other Region 1 CSD resources.	Build a strong understanding, both of the principles of Federal Indian Law and government-to-government relationships.	Carol Lee, Mark Dillon Mike Midkiff Tribal Representatives	Increased levels of DSHS hiring since Summer 2013 have created a requirement for government-to-government training for new staff. Refresher training will also be offered to seasoned staff. Goal will be to complete these training sessions by August 2015.
Promote and communicate training opportunities with the Kalispel Tribe	Monitor and identify all training sessions, identify available training slots, and invite participation by tribal staff	Contribute to training opportunities for staff	Carol Lee, Mark Dillon Mike Midkiff Tribal Representatives	Although this has occurred in the past, this new goal/objective is for a continued effort to ensure maximum participation in training opportunities. Examples include trainings in LEAN, CPR/First Aid, team-building, etc.