

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

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TO: Brice Montgomery, Interim Director

Community Services Division

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FROM: Terry Redmon, Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: ANNUAL DSHS ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY 7.01 PLANS AND

PROGRESS REPORTS FOR 2025

DSHS Administrative Policy (AP) 7.01, American Indian Policy, requires divisions to develop an annual Policy 7.01 Plan and Progress report in consultation and collaboration with each federally-recognized tribe and Urban Indian Organization (UIO). Participation in the 7.01 process is ongoing throughout the year.

Contact your <u>DSHS Office of Indian Policy (OIP) Regional Manager</u> to assist you in setting up and coordinating 7.01 meetings with local tribes and UIOs, and in successfully developing your 7.01 Plans. Meetings may take place in-person or virtually, depending on the preference and availability of the tribe or UIO. Please document in your 7.01 Plan if a tribe or UIO chooses not to participate in the process.

For additional information, please refer to the updated <u>DSHS Administrative Policy 7.01</u>, your division's 7.01 Best Practices and your current <u>7.01 Plans</u>. Please note the following due dates for the 2025 Plans:

- By April 3, 2025: Division of Child Support District Managers and Community Services
 Division Regional Administrators will send their 7.01 Plans to their respective
 headquarters coordinators:
 - Division of Child Support <u>Chris Franks</u>
 - Community Services Division Mary Anderson

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- **By April 17, 2025:** Headquarters coordinators will complete the Executive Headquarters Summary and submit it, and the 7.01 Plans, to Brady Rossnagle, ESA Statewide Tribal Relations Administrator, for final review.
- **By April 24, 2025:** The ESA Office of the Assistant Secretary will send all 7.01 Plans to the OIP.

Divisions will incorporate updates to the 7.01 Plan as they are negotiated during the year, and send them to the ESA Statewide Tribal Relations Administrator. My office will review and finalize them and submit them to the OIP within 30 days of approval.

Thank you and your staff for your continued collaboration and partnerships with Indian Tribes and UIOs to ensure quality and comprehensive service delivery to all American Indians and Alaska Natives in Washington State.

If you have any questions regarding this memo, please contact <u>Brady Rossnagle</u>, ESA Statewide Tribal Relations Administrator.

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