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**DSHS Policy 7.01 Plan**  
 July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 Annual Plan and Progress Report  
 Upper Skagit Indian Tribe and  
 ESA: Division of Child Support (DCS), Region 2, Everett Office  
 (contact information listed at end of plan)

	Yes	No
Met with Tribe/UIO?		x
Tribal input received?	x	
Tribal approval of plan?	X	

**Most recent meeting date: No in person meeting date. Tribe was emailed plan and provided feedback and edits. Changes made to plan, and final copy sent to Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, Caniece Perez, Marilyn Scott and David Hawkins 2/24/2026.**

Implementation Plan				Progress Report
(1) Goals/Objectives	(2) Activities	(3) Expected Outcome	(4) Lead Staff and Target Date	(5) Status Update
<b>1) Provide child support services to Upper Skagit Indian Tribal Members. Provide information regarding services to Upper Skagit tribal staff</b>	1a) Child Support cases with Upper Skagit Indian Tribal members as the non-custodial parent will be worked by Everett Tribal Team members.	Services provided as appropriate.	State: DCS: Carly Mathews, Tribal Liaison SEO2 at <a href="mailto:Carly.Mathews@dshs.wa.gov">Carly.Mathews@dshs.wa.gov</a>  Lisa Dupre , Supervisor at <a href="mailto:Lisa.Dupre@dshs.wa.gov">Lisa.Dupre@dshs.wa.gov</a>  Tribe: Caniece Perez <a href="mailto:caniecer@upperskagit.com">caniecer@upperskagit.com</a> , Marilyn Scott <a href="mailto:marilyns@upperskagit.com">marilyns@upperskagit.com</a> ;	All non-custodial parents who are enrolled Upper Skagit Indian Tribal members with child support cases and cases referred by the Upper Skagit Tribal TANF program for collection of Tribal TANF debt will be assigned to the tribal unit specialized caseload which is worked by Carly Mathews Upper Skagit Indian Tribe accepts voluntary wage assignments. The Skagit Casino honors wage withholds for non-natives. DCS provides updates upon request regarding payments.

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<p><b>2) The Division of Child Support collaborates with the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe in developing strategies aimed at increasing the number of Upper Skagit Indian members paying towards their child support obligation</b></p>	<p>2a) Presenting to Upper Skagit Indian Tribal Members on child support issues so they can better address concerns and questions from Upper Skagit Indian Tribal members.</p>	<p>2a) DCS is aware there may be Upper Skagit Indian Tribal members that would be more comfortable discussing child support related issues with Caniece or other Upper Skagit Indian social services staff rather than with a Washington State Support Enforcement Officer.</p>	<p>State: DCS: Carly Mathews, Tribal Liaison SEO2 at <a href="mailto:Carly.Mathews@dshs.wa.gov">Carly.Mathews@dshs.wa.gov</a></p> <p>Lisa Dupre, Supervisor at <a href="mailto:Lisa.Dupre@dshs.wa.gov">Lisa.Dupre@dshs.wa.gov</a></p> <p>Tribe: Caniece Perez <a href="mailto:caniecer@upperskagit.com">caniecer@upperskagit.com</a>, Marilyn Scott <a href="mailto:marilyns@upperskagit.com">marilyns@upperskagit.com</a>;</p> <p><b>Target Date: monthly or as needed if more often</b></p>	<p>2a) ensure families are being supported by receiving child support</p>

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<p><b>3) Exchange of Information, including verification of tribal enrollment, employment, and resources and options for parents.</b></p>	<p>3a) To ensure all Upper Skagit Indian Tribal members s are handled by the Everett Tribal Unit, enrollment will be verified with Caniece Perez as the point of contact.</p> <p>b) Provide direct access to Tribal Team via direct phone line to Tribal Liaisons.</p> <p>c) Ensure communication with Upper Skagit Indian Tribal members for information sharing, joint planning and problem solving</p> <p>d) Identify needs of American Indian clients &amp; communities and whether current programs and policies meet these needs</p> <p>e) Requests for modifications, reviews for debt write off, and other services and resources provided by DCS can be discussed if release of information is signed by parties to be shared with Upper Skagit Social Services.</p>	<p>3a) Enrolled Upper Skagit Tribal members calls are handled by Carly Mathews or the Everett Tribal Unit and their back-up team.</p> <p>b) Attend Upper Skagit Social Services meetings, as budget allows, in order to provide child support resources to staff as requested.</p> <p>c) Provide clients with child support resources and options</p>	<p>State: DCS:  Carly Mathews, Tribal Liaison  SEO2 at  <a href="mailto:Carly.Mathews@dshs.wa.gov">Carly.Mathews@dshs.wa.gov</a></p> <p>Lisa Dupre, Supervisor at  <a href="mailto:Lisa.Dupre@dshs.wa.gov">Lisa.Dupre@dshs.wa.gov</a></p> <p>Tribe: Caniece Perez  <a href="mailto:caniecer@upperskagit.com">caniecer@upperskagit.com</a>,  Marilyn Scott  <a href="mailto:marilyns@upperskagit.com">marilyns@upperskagit.com</a>;</p> <p><b>Target Date: monthly or as needed if more often</b></p>	<p>3a) Once verified, the case will be included within the caseload and managed by the Everett Tribal Unit.</p> <p>b) Provide options and resources to Upper Skagit Indian Tribal staff regarding child support services</p>

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<p><b>4) SEMS/ACES access and Data Share Agreements</b></p>	<p>4a) Upper Skagit Indian Tribe TANF Program has a data share agreement to access SEMS/ACES.</p> <p>b) Contract is good for 3 years</p> <p>C) Security Monitor is named</p>	<p>4a) Upper Skagit Indian Tribal TANF Program is able to access information in SEMS Web and ACES Online. This enables NCSP to access information needed to work cases effectively.</p>	<p>State: DCS:  Carly Mathews, Tribal Liaison SEO2 at <a href="mailto:Carly.Mathews@dshs.wa.gov">Carly.Mathews@dshs.wa.gov</a>  <u>y</u></p> <p>Lisa Dupre, Supervisor at <a href="mailto:Lisa.Dupre@dshs.wa.gov">Lisa.Dupre@dshs.wa.gov</a></p> <p>Tribe: Caniece Perez <a href="mailto:caniecer@upperskagit.com">caniecer@upperskagit.com</a>, Marilyn Scott <a href="mailto:marilyns@upperskagit.com">marilyns@upperskagit.com</a></p> <p>Target Date: monthly electronically by email or phone verification</p>	<p>4a) SEMS Access: NA as of 2/23/2026 *Being worked on</p> <p>ACES access: NA as of 2/23/2026 *Being worked on</p> <p>b) SEMS/ACES Data Share Agreement expires 9/30/2028</p> <p>C) Security Monitor is Morkus Gerges</p>

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<p><b>5) Invite tribes to participate in Local Planning Area (LPA) meetings and Community Partnership and Transition Services (CPTS) meetings. Quarterly 7.01 Meetings are held 4 times per year.</b></p>	<p>5a) Ensure tribal staff are included in the CPTS and LPA distributions Lists and invitation to CPTS and LPA meetings.</p> <p>b) attend and provide input on service delivery by Community Service Division and Division of Child Support.</p>	<p>5a) Attendance and participation of Tribes in LPA/CPTS meetings.</p> <p>b) Attendance at quarterly 7.01 Meetings</p>	<p>State: DCS: Carly Mathews, Tribal Liaison SEO2 at <a href="mailto:Carly.Mathews@dshs.wa.gov">Carly.Mathews@dshs.wa.gov</a></p> <p>Lisa Dupre, Supervisor at <a href="mailto:Lisa.Dupre@dshs.wa.gov">Lisa.Dupre@dshs.wa.gov</a></p> <p>Tribe: Caniece Perez <a href="mailto:caniecer@upperskagit.com">caniecer@upperskagit.com</a>, Marilyn Scott <a href="mailto:marilyns@upperskagit.com">marilyns@upperskagit.com</a>;</p> <p><b>Target Date: monthly</b></p>	<p>5a) The Upper Skagit Indian Tribal Staff are invited and encouraged to attend LPA and CPTS meetings.</p> <p>Contact Information for LPA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Contact: Celica Quirarte <a href="mailto:celica.quirarte@dshs.wa.gov">celica.quirarte@dshs.wa.gov</a></li> </ul> <p>Facilitators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Megan Kost; Skagit Valley College</li> <li>•Katelyn Morgan; Skagit Co Community Action Agency</li> </ul> <p>LPA are virtually held quarterly on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 1-4. 2026 General LPA meetings scheduled for the following dates. 1/13/2026 (luncheon); 3/12/2026; 9/10/2026; 12/10/2026.</p> <p>CPTS—there have been no formal meetings since 2024.</p>

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<p><b>6) DCS Tribal staff will participate and volunteer at cultural events when budget allows.</b></p>	<p>6a) Attend and volunteer at Tribal cultural events as budget allows.</p>	<p>6a) Better understanding of the Tribal culture and heritage by DCS tribal staff</p>	<p>State: DCS:  Carly Mathews, Tribal Liaison  SEO2 at  <a href="mailto:Carly.Mathews@dshs.wa.gov">Carly.Mathews@dshs.wa.gov</a></p> <p>Lisa Dupre, Supervisor at  <a href="mailto:Lisa.Dupre@dshs.wa.gov">Lisa.Dupre@dshs.wa.gov</a></p> <p>Tribe: Caniece Perez  <a href="mailto:caniecer@upperskagit.com">caniecer@upperskagit.com</a>,  Marilyn Scott  <a href="mailto:marilyns@upperskagit.com">marilyns@upperskagit.com</a>;</p> <p><b>Target Date: as requested by tribe.</b></p>	<p>6a) Tribal gatherings and cultural events are announced to the Everett Tribal Liaisons.</p>
<p><b>7) DCS Tribal Liaisons will provide training and awareness to DCS staff regarding Native American Culture.</b></p>	<p>7a) DCS Tribal Unit will host a Native American Heritage Event during the month of November as budget allows.</p>	<p>7a) Better educate DCS staff and build awareness of tribal culture.</p>	<p>DCS staff with the assistance of Tribal volunteers.</p> <p>Target Date: Annually</p>	<p>7a) New DCS staff will attend 7.01 Training when offered. Office of Indian Policy offers 7.01 trainings. New staff are encouraged to take the trainings.</p> <p>b) Government 2 Government Training can be offered if budget allows.</p>

**CONTACT INFORMATION UPPER SKAGIT INDIAN TRIBE**

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## **CRITERIA USED FOR CASES TO BE INCLUDED IN DCS TRIBAL CASELOAD**

- NCP is an enrolled Upper Skagit Indian tribal member
- NCP is working for the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, tribal business, or enterprise
- All NCP cases related to one of the above criteria
- Child is eligible for enrollment as an Upper Skagit Indian tribal member and paternity needs to be established
- Cases referred to DCS by the Tribal TANF program

# Historical Goals not Actively Being Pursued

DATE OF CHANGE	CHANGE/HISTORICAL INFO
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All previous historical information will be found on the 2024-2025 7.01 Plan and Progress Report. The information below is effective 01/2025.

2024	Dr. Michaela Godsey Offc: 360-854-7067 Cell: 360-319-4302 michaelag@upperskagit.com
1/2024 – The CPTS group in Skagit County is no longer active.	3)Invite tribes to Community Partnership and Transition Services (CPTS) meetings. Ensure tribal staff are included in the CPTS Lists and invitation to CPTS. Attendance and participation of Tribes in CPTS meetings. The Upper Skagit Indian Tribe is invited and encouraged to attend CPTS meetings. Contact Information for Community Partner Transition Services (CPTS): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact for CPTS –skint@esa.wa.gov</li> <li>• CPTS meetings will be monthly, times and dates vary</li> </ul>