

Policy 7.01 Plan and Progress Report

Timeframe: July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

Region 2 / Everett DCS

Tribe: Upper Skagit Indian Tribe

Note: Draft 2022-2023 Plan and Progress Report emailed to Ryan Miller, Marilyn Scott and Caniece Perez on 3/22/2022. Response due by 3/26/2022. Response from Caniece Perez, no changes needed. Plan Approved 3/23/2022.

Implementation Plan				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 <i>List in reverse chronological order (most recent on top).</i>
1) Provide child support services to Upper Skagit Indian Tribal Members. Provide information regarding services to Upper Skagit tribal staff	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; Randi Evans, randi.evans@dshs.wa.gov Lisa Dupre , Supervisor at Lisa.Dupre@dshs.wa.gov Tribe: : Caniece Perez caniecer@upper-skagit.com , Marilyn Scott marilyns@upper-skagit.com	All non-custodial parents who are enrolled Upper Skagit Indian Tribal members' with child support cases will be assigned to the tribal unit specialized caseload which is worked by Randi Evans. 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>Provide direct access to Tribal Team via direct phone line to Tribal Liaisons.</p>	<p>Upper Skagit Indian Tribal members' calls are handled by Randi Evans or the Everett Tribal Unit and their back-up team.</p>	<p>The direct contact for Upper Skagit Indian Tribal members is Randi Evans and her direct line is: 425-438-4921. Other tribal team members will take calls as needed.</p>	<p>Upper Skagit Indian Tribal members' calls that come in to the Everett Field Office are directly routed to Randi Evans, and if she is unavailable, those calls will be routed to the other Tribal Liaisons in the Everett FO via automatic call distribution routing.</p>
	<p>Ensure communication with Upper Skagit Indian Tribe for information sharing, joint planning and problem solving</p>		<p>Everett Tribal Unit Tribe: Caniece Perez, Marilyn Scott Target Date: Quarterly and as requested</p>	
	<p>Identify needs of American Indian clients & communities and whether current programs and policies meet these needs</p>	<p>Complete outreach efforts by making presentation to staff, meeting with clients by request of Upper Skagit Indian Tribal Staff.</p>	<p>Everett Tribal Unit Tribe: Caniece Perez, Marilyn Scott Target Date: Quarterly</p>	<p>The Everett Tribal Team is committed to meeting with Upper Skagit Indian tribal staff and DCS clients upon request of Upper Skagit Indian Tribal Staff. At this time DCS is unable to able to meet in-person with Upper Skagit Indian Tribal staff monthly due to COVID safety measures however virtual meetings are available if requested by Upper Skagit Indian Tribe.</p>

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<p>2) The Division of Child Support is willing to partner with the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe in developing strategies aimed at increasing the number of tribal members paying towards their child support obligation</p>	<p>Presenting to Upper Skagit Indian tribal staff on child support issues so they can better address concerns and questions from community members.</p> <p>DCS is willing to provide training on Tribal TANF impacts on child support to tribal staff or Upper Skagit Indian Tribal community.</p>	<p>DCS is aware there may be Tribal members that would be comfortable discussing child support related issues with Upper Skagit Indian Tribe Social Services staff rather than with a Support Enforcement Officer.</p>	<p>Everett Tribal Unit Staff and Upper Skagit Indian Tribal Staff</p> <p>Target Date: Quarterly</p>	<p>The Division of Child Support is willing to give a "Child Support 101" presentation to interested Upper Skagit Indian Tribal staff/tribal council members to provide them a better understanding of relevant child support issues such as modifying child support obligations, conference board write-offs and contacting DCS</p> <p>The Everett tribal team is committed to improving our service to the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe and suggestions and feedback are always welcomed.</p> <p>As of 03/21/2022, no requests have been received from the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe for "Child Support 101" presentations due to COVID-19 restrictions, no in-person presentations being offered at this time. We will resume our offer for assistance in-person upon Upper Skagit Indian Tribe's request once the state guidelines allow DCS to do so.</p>
	<p>Invite tribes to participate in Local Planning Area (LPA) meetings and Community Partnership and Transition Services (CPTS) meetings.</p>	<p>Attendance and participation of Tribes in LPA/CPTS meetings.</p>		<p>The Upper Skagit Indian Tribal Staff are invited and encouraged to attend LPA and CPTS meetings. Contact Information for LPA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitator: Edwin Blau @360/429-2806 blauer@dshs.wa.gov • LPA meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 1:30-4 at the Anacortes Public Library, but location can vary. <p>Contact Information for Community Partner Transition Services (CPTS):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitators: Sandra Kint @360/416-3539 • CPTS meetings will be monthly @Skagit Valley College (Multipurpose Room) 1-3.
<p>3) DCS staff will participate and</p>	<p>Attend and volunteer at Tribal cultural</p>	<p>Better understanding</p>	<p>Everett Tribal Unit</p>	<p>Tribal Pow Wows and cultural events are regularly shared with the Everett Tribal Unit and Everett Field Office staff</p>

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<p>volunteer at Tribal cultural events when available</p>	<p>events.</p>	<p>of the Tribal culture and heritage by DCS staff</p>	<p>Staff and Upper Skagit Tribal Staff</p> <p>Target Date: Quarterly</p>	<p>however due to COVID-19 restrictions most public events have been canceled by the tribe. Notification of events will be shared with staff once they resume and state guidelines allow.</p>
<p>4) Provide training and awareness to the DCS office regarding Native American Culture.</p>	<p>DCS Tribal Unit will host a Native American Heritage Event during the month of November.</p>	<p>Better educate DCS staff and build awareness of tribal culture.</p>	<p>DCS staff with the assistance of Tribal volunteers.</p> <p>Target Date: Quarterly</p>	<p>DCS staff will host a National Native American Heritage Month Event in November annually. Adjustments were made to the November 2021 event as it was modified to comply with state guidelines due to COVID-19 restrictions and hosted as a virtual event and available for statewide attendance.</p> <p>There are plans to continue Office Staff training which includes a Native American Heritage Event and 7.01 training, Government 2 Government training in the future.</p>
<p>Completed Items (Date: Action completed)</p>				