

Policy 7.01 Plan and Progress Report

Timeframe: July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

Division of Child Support: Squaxin Island Tribe

Annual Due Date: April 30 (submit Assistant Secretary's Plan to OIP).

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
1) Continue to provide child support services to Squaxin Island tribal members. Provide information regarding our services to tribal staff.	<p>a) Child support cases of Squaxin Island members & employees of Squaxin Island's tribal enterprises will be worked by Olympia Tribal Team staff</p> <p>b) Provide direct access to Tribal Team via dedicated toll free number 866-850-1496. Dorothea Dunn is the liaison assigned to the Squaxin Island Tribe and her direct line is 664-6863</p>	<p>Service provided as needed.</p> <p>Squaxin Island tribal members can expect to speak to knowledgeable staff</p>	<p>Andy Ewing, Tribal Team Supervisor;</p> <p>Dorothea Dunn, Tribal Liaison.</p>	<p>There are 67 non-custodial parents as identified as Squaxin Island Tribal members accounting for 200 child support cases. In December 2015, payments were received from 43 (64%) of these non-custodial parents</p> <p>Current Support due on those cases in December 2015= \$10,005.29. and during December 2015, we collected \$3703.47 which is 37% of that current support obligation</p> <p>In December 2015 we collected \$932.36 toward s back child support (arrears)</p> <p>We have 52 noncustodial parents who are non-tribal members working for Squaxin Island enterprises</p>
2) Ensure communication with Squaxin Island Tribe for information sharing, joint planning and problem solving.	<p>a) Annual 7.01 meeting</p> <p>b) The Division of Child Support does outreach at the Squaxin Island reservation the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month</p>	<p>7.01 plan updated to meet the needs of the Squaxin Island Tribe and DCS</p> <p>Clients have an opportunity to meet with DCS staff and have their questions/issues addressed</p> <p>Squaxin Island staff and DCS liaison can discuss clients' issues in depth</p>	Dorothea Dunn, Tribal Liaison	<p>The Division of Child Support continues to do biweekly outreach at Squaxin Island and over time, the relationship Dorothea has forged with the Squaxin has resulted in an increase in the number of clients Dorothea meets during her visits.</p> <p>Dorothea Dunn regularly participates in the Building Strong Families Through Culture program and finds this to be an excellent opportunity to connect with community members who may not be able to meet with her during her regular outreach hours</p>

	c) The Division of Child Support welcomes the opportunity to participate in community events such as health fairs and other events held to benefit the Squaxin community	Squaxin community members become familiar with DCS staff and are more likely to access services and/or discuss child support issues with them.	Dorothea Dunn and other Tribal Team staff	<p>On 10/29/2015, Dorothea Dunn & Kathy Lake-Baker gave a presentation to the patients at Northwest Indian Treatment Center regarding child support issues and afterwards addressed many of the questions patients had about this subject. Based on the positive response from the patients, they are hoping that DCS can be regular presenters at NWITC</p> <p>Please keep us aware of upcoming community events that you feel it is appropriate to have Division of Child Support representatives participate in.</p>
3) The Division of Child Support is willing to partner with the Squaxin Tribe in developing strategies aimed at increasing the number of tribal members paying towards their support obligation	Educating Squaxin Island Tribal Family Services staff on child support issues so they can address concerns & questions of the community they serve	Even though the Division of Child Support (DCS) does outreach with the Squaxin Island Tribe twice a month, there may be Tribal members that would be comfortable discussing child support related issues with Squaxin Island staff rather than with a Support Enforcement Officer		