

Policy 7.01 Plan and Progress Report
Biennium Timeframe: July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

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

Division of Child Support Region Three / Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe (LEKT)

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 Lower Elwha members. Provide information regarding our services to Lower Elwha tribal staff.	<p>a) Child support cases of Lower Elwha members will be worked by Olympia Tribal Team members.</p> <p>b) Provide direct access to Tribal Team via dedicated toll free number 866-850-1496. Eric Stender's direct phone line is (360) 664-6971</p>	<p>Services provided as appropriate.</p> <p>Lower Elwha tribal members can expect to talk to knowledgeable staff.</p>	<p>Andy Ewing, Tribal Team Supervisor;</p> <p>Ann Bailie Tribal Team leadworker</p> <p>Eric Stender, LEKT liaison</p> <p>all other tribal team members when needed</p>	<p>All Lower Elwha tribal members' cases are assigned to Eric Stender</p> <p>There are 53 non-custodial parents identified as Lower Elwha members with 119 cases. In December 2014, we received payments from 20 (38%) of these parents</p> <p>Current Support due each month on Lower Elwha cases is \$7205.56. In January 2016, we collected 33% of that obligation=\$2413.26</p> <p>In January 2016, Lower Elwha members paid \$2666.71 towards arrears</p>
2) Ensure communication with Lower Elwha Tribe for information sharing, joint planning and problem solving.	<p>a) Annual 7.01 meeting</p> <p>b) LEKT will invited CDS staff to participate in community events and the Tribal Team will attend LEKT community events when available</p> <p>c) The DCS Tribal Liaison will meet with LEKT staff in Port</p>	<p>7.01 Plan updated to meet the needs of LEKT and DCS</p> <p>LEKT community members are familiar with DCS staff and more likely to access their services</p> <p>Needs of LEKT community clients will be identified and policies/practices/programs will be developed or updated to meet these</p>	<p>Andy Ewing, Tribal Team Supervisor,</p> <p>Eric Stender, LEKT liaison</p> <p>Monica Henry, LEKT Social Services Director Phone: 360.565.7257, ext 7451; Email: monica.henry@elwha.org</p> <p>Nora Norminton, LEKT Social Services Employment Program</p>	<p>Andy Ewing and Eric Stender met with Monica Henry and staff from Lower Elwha Social Services on February 18, 2016 to discuss this 7.01 plan.</p> <p>The Tribal Team attended the LEKT Potlatch in 2015 The Olympia Field Office's Tribal Team participated in a number of Lower Elwha/Port Angeles area. Since January 1, 2015 the Tribal Team:</p> <p>March 4: Attended the Bridges Over Poverty workshop March 25: Participated in the Clallam Co. Hiring & Resource event August 26: Lower Elwha Back to School/Health Fair October 28/29: Client/staff outreach</p>

	<p>Angeles once every three months. The tribal team will be in contact with Lower Elwha Social Services staff to set up dates for visits and to ensure the Lower Elwha community is aware of upcoming visits</p>	<p>needs</p> <p>LEKT cases will be staffed on a regular basis</p>	<p>Manager Phone: 360.565.7257, ext 7483; Email: nora.norminton@elwha.org</p> <p>Tammie Stevens, LEKT TANF/GA Lead Caseworker Phone: 360.565.7257, ext 7459; Email: tammie.stevens@elwha.org</p> <p>Becky Charles. LEK TANF/GA caseworker Phone: 360.565.7257, ext 7455; Email: becky.charles@elwha.org</p>	<p>The Tribal Team met with LEKT staff on a regular basis (approximately once every three months) throughout 2015.</p> <p>The Olympia Tribal Team strives to meet with Lower Elwha tribal staff and/or DCS clients at least once every 3 months.</p>
<p>Increase the number of LEKT members paying towards their support obligation</p>	<p>a) The Social Services Director will consult with the LEKT CEO as to whether the Tribe is willing to honor the Division of Child Support's income withholding orders. The Elwha River Casino currently honors DCS withholding orders</p>	<p>The LEKT CEO and LEKT Tribal Council will discuss and consider the idea of accepting income withholding orders from DCS for all LEKT employees</p>	<p>Eric Stender, Tribal Liaison and Andy Ewing, Tribal Team supervisor</p> <p>Monica Henry, LEKT Social Services Director</p>	<p>Elwha River Casino honors DCS income withholding orders</p>
<p>LEKT TANF/GA caseworkers will have access and the ability to utilize SEMS</p>	<p>a) The LEKT IT Department will coordinate with DSHS IT staff to ensure access to SEMS</p> <p>b) DCS Olympia FO will arrange for SEMS training for LEKT Staff</p>	<p>Lower Elwha staff will become capable of using SEMS to their benefit</p>	<p>Eric Stender, Lower Elwha Tribal Liaison and other Olympia FO staff as trainers</p>	<p>The Lower Elwha TANF/Social Services staff has obtained access to SEMS recently. The Olympia FO staff will provide training on SEMS in the near future.</p>