

Policy 7.01 Plan and Progress Report

Biennium Timeframe: July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

Division of Child Support Region Three / Nisqually Tribe

| Implementation Plan   |   |   |  | Progress Report   |
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| (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 Nisqually members. Provide information regarding our services to Nisqually tribal staff. | <p>a) Child support cases of Nisqually members will be worked by Olympia Tribal Team members.</p> <hr/> <p>b) Provide direct access to Olympia Tribal Team via dedicated toll free number.<br/>866-850-1496</p> | <p>Services provided as appropriate.</p> <hr/> <p>Nisqually member's calls are automatically routed to the Tribal Team.</p> | <p>Lisa Vasquez, Tribal Liaison, 360-664-6859<br/>Andy Ewing, Tribal Team Supervisor, 364-664-6927</p> <p>The direct contact for Nisqually members is Lisa Vasquez, Tribal Liaison. Other team members will take calls as needed</p> | <p>There are 68 Non-custodial parents whom self-identify as Nisqually members and these non-custodial parents account for 200 cases.</p> <p>The total monthly current child support obligation is \$10,295.20. In December 2015, Nisqually tribal members paid \$3746.27 towards current child support- 36% of total support obligation for that month</p> <p>In December 2015, \$3595.67 was collected for child support arrears owed by Nisqually members. In December 2015, 21 of the 68 Non-custodial parents (31%) with child support debts made payments in December 2015</p> <p>There are 45 non-Nisqually NCP's who are working for Nisqually enterprises</p> <p>Nisqually member's calls that come in to the Olympia Field Office are currently routed to Lisa Vasquez.</p> <p><b>The Division of Child Support will provide the Nisqually Tribe quarterly reports regarding child support collections from Nisqually tribal members. The first report will be for the period April to June 2016</b></p> |
| 2) Ensure communication with Nisqually Tribe for information sharing, joint planning and problem solving.                                 | a) Annual 7.01 meeting  | .7.01 plan updated to meet the needs of the Nisqually Tribe and the Division of Child Support                               | .Andy Ewing, Glenda Nelson and Lisa Vasquez  | The Division of Child Support met with Marie McDonald, Linda McCloud and Lorna Guidry on April 22, 2016   |

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|  | <p>b) The Nisqually Tribe will invite DCS staff to participate in community events and the Tribal Team will attend Nisqually community events when available</p> <hr/> <p>c) The Division of Child Support (DCS) hopes to do outreach with the Nisqually Tribe once a month in the coming year; Outreach includes making presentation to staff, meeting with clients and participating in Health Fairs or other Nisqually tribal events</p> <hr/> <p>d) Educating Nisqually Tribal Social Services staff/community on child support issues so they can address concerns &amp; questions of the community they serve</p> | <p>Nisqually community members are familiar with DCS staff and more likely to access their services</p> <hr/> <p>Needs of Nisqually Tribal members will be identified and policies and practices will be developed or updated to meet these needs</p> <hr/> <p>The Nisqually Tribal community become aware of options available to them through DCS such as modifying child support obligation, debt write-offs and contacting DCS staff</p> | <p>Lisa Vasquez and other members of the Olympia Field Office's Tribal Team</p> | <p>Since January 1, 2015, the Division of Child Support has provided outreach to Nisqually TANF clients &amp; staff on the following dates: 2/5/15, 3/23/15, 4/22/15, 5/21/15, 7/30/15, 9/3/15 and 11/19/15.</p> <p>The Division of Child Support also participated in the following events in 2015: Nisqually Health Fair, the Little Red Schoolhouse event, the Nisqually Client Holiday dinner and the Nisqually TANF graduation ceremony</p> <p><b>The Division of Child Support will continue to participate in Nisqually community events in 2016-2017. Several members of the DCS Tribal team plan to volunteer to help with the upcoming "Paddle to Nisqually"</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>The Nisqually Tribe's Community Services is open to the Division of Child Support doing a monthly outreach on the Nisqually reservation. Lisa Vasquez, Nisqually tribal liaison will be in contact with Community Services to discuss what day/time this outreach will occur</b></p> <p>Upon invitation from Nisqually SPIPA staff, the Division of Child Support will continue to be presenters/participants at the Nisqually TANF client orientation.</p> <hr/> <p>DCS is aware there may be Tribal members that are more comfortable discussing child support related issues with Nisqually Community Services staff rather than with a Support Enforcement Officer. <b>The Division of Child Support will be in contact with the Nisqually Tribe to set up one or more "Child Support 101" trainings for Nisqually staff, tribal council and/or the community. This training will be designed to educate staff etc. on relevant child support issues.</b></p> |
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|   |  |  |   | <p>The Division of Child Support is willing to do a seminar for participants in the Positive Indian Parenting program. DCS will contact Nisqually Community Services to find out if they want us as presenters for this program</p> <p>If the Nisqually tribe feels the Division of Child Support can play a role in the "Parents as Teachers" program, DCS will be eager to assist.</p> |
| 3) Increase the number of Nisqually Tribal members paying towards their support obligation. | Taking necessary steps to file Per Capita garnishments in Nisqually Tribal Court for custodial parents whom request our services or apply for State or Tribal TANF | Successfully attach per capita payments of non-custodial parents who are not paying their child support obligation | Brittany Considine, Claims officer and Lisa Vasquez SEO 2 | <p>Have met with Nisqually court staff as well as the Nisqually Prosecuting attorney to discuss the process/requirements to attach Nisqually Per Capita income</p> <p>The Division of Child Support plans to file its first request to garnish per capita in Nisqually Tribal court this year</p>  |
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