

DRAFT Policy 7.01 Plan and Progress Report
 Timeframe: July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

Division of Child Support Region 3 / Lower Elwha Klallam 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
Continue to provide child support services to Lower Elwha members. Provide information regarding our services to Lower Elwha tribal staff.	Child support cases of LEKT members will be worked by Olympia Tribal Team members. Direct access to Tribal Team via dedicated toll free number 866-850-1496. Eric Stender's direct phone line is (360) 664-6971.	Lower Elwha tribal members can expect to talk to knowledgeable staff.	Andy Ewing, Tribal Team Supervisor (360) 664-6927 andy.ewing@dshs.wa.gov Eric Stender, Lower Elwha Liaison (360) 664-6971 eric.stender@dshs.wa.gov	The Lower Elwha Klallam child support caseload currently has open cases involving 48 Non-custodial parents whom self-identify as LEKT members. The Lower Elwha caseload also includes Lower Elwha Klallam TANF cases and the non-custodial parents associated with these cases. All Lower Elwha associated cases are assigned to Eric Stender. LEKT member's calls that come in to the Olympia Field Office are currently routed to Eric Stender.
Ensure communication with Lower Elwha Tribe for information sharing, joint planning and problem solving.	Annual 7.01 meeting LEKT will invite DCS staff to participate in community events and the Tribal Team will attend LEKT community events when available.	7.01 Plan updated to meet the needs of LEKT and DCS. LEKT community members are familiar with DCS staff and more likely to access their services. Needs of LEKT community clients will be identified and policies/practices/programs will be developed or updated to meet these needs.	7.01 meeting held via Zoom on January 4, 2022 <u>Representing DCS:</u> Andy Ewing Eric Stender Mike Canonica, Olympia FO District Manager Michael.Canonica@dshs.wa.gov <u>Representing Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe:</u> Rebecca Sampson-Weed, Lower Elwha Social Services Director Becca.weed@Elwha.org	Once it is safe to do so and if the budget allows, the Olympia Tribal Team looks forward to participating in future Lower Elwha associated events that we are invited to. The Olympia Tribal Team also hopes to resume outreach in the Lower Elwha's community to meet with Lower Elwha tribal staff and/or DCS clients Outreach usually occurs every 3 to 4 months (and more frequently if warranted). The Division of Child Support will provide the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe annual reports regarding child support collections from LEKT members.

<p>The Division of Child Support is willing to partner with the Lower Elwha Tribe in developing strategies aimed at increasing the number of tribal members paying towards their support obligation.</p>	<p>Keep LEKT staff/ community knowledgeable of what DCS can do for them.</p>	<p>Increase the number of Lower Elwha children whose households receive child support.</p> <p>Provide important information to members of the LEKT in regards to child support options such as modifications and conference board write-offs.</p>	<p>Eric Stender will provide training of SEMSWeb once access is granted to LEKT.</p> <p>Eric Stender will be the point of contact for providing the Lower Elwha Child Support 101 training.</p>	<p>The DCS is willing to provide "Child Support 101" training to any and all parties associated with LEKT (Tribal Council, Social Services staff, the general community etc.). DCS is willing to partner with other agencies that plan on making presentations to the LEKT community. Due to the current COVID 19 restrictions, DCS can make a virtual presentation.</p> <p>The Division of Child Support is willing to provide training on the use of SEMSWeb once access to this program is reinstated.</p>