

DRAFT Policy 7.01 Plan and Progress Report

Timeframe: July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

Division of Child Support Region Three: Makah 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 Makah members. Provide information regarding our services to Makah tribal staff.	<p>Child support cases of Makah members will be worked by Olympia Tribal Team members.</p> <p>The Division of Child Support will provide the Makah Tribe annual reports regarding child support collections from Makah tribal members.</p>	Services provided as appropriate.	<p>Sandy Hill, Tribal Team Supervisor, 360-664-6943 Sandra.Hill@dshs.wa.gov</p> <p>Ann Bailie, Tribal Liaison , 360-664-6965 Ann.Bailie@dshs.wa.gov</p> <p>Eric Stender, Tribal Liaison, 360-664-6971 Eric.Stender@dshs.wa.gov</p> <p>Lisa Halttunen, Makah Tribe 360-645-3280 Lisa.Halttunen@Makah.com</p> <p>Maiya Buzzell, Makah Tribe 360-645-3262 Maiya.Buzzell@Makah.com</p>	Currently, 154 non-custodial parents identified as members of the Makah Tribe have open child support cases.

			<p>Cheryl Clark, Makah Tribe 360-645-3251 Cheryl.clark@makah.com</p> <p>Review annually and as needed.</p>	
	<p>Provide direct access to Olympia Tribal Team via dedicated toll free number 866-850-1496.</p> <p>Makah members' calls that come in to the Olympia Field Office are currently routed to Ann Bailie and Eric Stender and if either liaison is not available those calls will be routed to other Olympia Tribal Liaisons</p>	<p>All calls from Makah members are automatically routed to the Tribal Team.</p>	<p>The direct contact for Makah members is Ann Bailie and Eric Stender Their direct phone numbers can be found directly above.</p> <p>Review annually and as needed.</p>	
<p>Educate Makah tribal community members and/or Community Services staff on child support related issues</p>	<p>The Division of Child Support is willing to give a "Child Support 101" presentation to interested Makah staff/tribal council members.</p>	<p>The Tribe is interested in having this 101 training annually. DCS will contact the Makah Tribe to schedule the presentation.</p>	<p>Ann Bailie Eric Stender Lisa Halttunen</p> <p>Date to be determined by Tribe</p>	<p>Our last outreach visit was 9/30/22.</p> <p>Makah Health Fair Scheduled 4/27/23</p>

		<p>The Division of Child Support wants to help the Makah community become aware of options available to them through DCS.</p> <p>The Olympia Tribal Team is committed to meeting/doing outreach with Makah Tribal Staff and/or DCS clients in person 3 to 4 times over the next year. This outreach includes participation in tribal community events such as the upcoming Makah Health Fair scheduled in April.</p> <p>The tribal team will be in contact with the Makah Tribe and Social Services staff to set up dates for visits to ensure that the Makah community is aware of upcoming visits via the Tribes quarterly newsletter or the Tribes Facebook page. Lisa Halttunen provided a copy of the CSO flyer</p>		
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Ensure communication with Makah Tribe for information sharing, joint planning and problem solving.	Meet with the Makah Tribe upon their request for 7.01 planning and other meetings/activities as needed.	Completed meeting with Makah Tribal Staff to discuss 7.01 plan.	Sandy Hill, Tribal Team Supervisor, Ann Bailie & Eric Stender, Makah Tribal liaisons, Mike Canonica, DM, Brenda Francis-Thomas, OIP	DCS met with the Makah Tribe on 2/8/23. The draft plan will be sent to them for approval.
The Division of Child Support is willing to partner with the Makah Tribe in developing strategies and innovative approaches aimed at increasing the number of tribal members paying support for their children.	Receive child support from non-custodial parents who have the ability to pay but choose not to. Currently custodial parents have the ability to petition the courts for a full faith & credit order.	Makah Tribal payroll currently withholds funds from the pay of non-custodial parents if there is a voluntary wage assignment in place.	To be reviewed annually Lisa Halttunen Maiya Buzzell	Lisa Halttunen and Maiya Buzzell offered to contact staff in the Judicial Dept. to provided DCS with more information on petitioning the courts for a full faith & credit order.

<p>Increase efficiency of serving child support orders on Makah Tribal Member non-custodial parents to aid in providing financial support to tribal children.</p>	<p>The Makah Tribal Police is currently serving documents on the reservation on behalf of the Clallam Co. Prosecuting Attorney</p>	<p>The Division of Child Support would have an alternate method to serve DCS documents in the Makah community if service by mail is unsuccessful.</p> <p>Lisa Halttunen and Maiya Buzzell to explore facilitating a meeting between DCS and the Tribal Police Dept to address service issues.</p>	<p>Lisa Halttunen Maiya Buzzell</p>	<p>A meeting with the Makah Tribal Police did not occur as had hoped at our outreach on 9/30/22, but we would still like to attempt this again in the coming year to reach out and discuss the possibility of service of documents on the reservation.</p>
<p>Competed Tasks prior to 2022</p>				
<p>DCS has explored the possibility of the Makah Tribe accepting direct wage withholds. DCS acknowledges the Makah Tribe's sovereignty by no longer pursuing the issue of DCS issued wage withholds.</p>				