

**Policy 7.01 Plan and Progress Report**

Biennium Timeframe: July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

**Division of Child Support Region 3 / Nisqually 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
<p>Continue to provide child support services to Nisqually Tribal members.</p> <p>Provide information regarding our services to Nisqually Tribal staff.</p>	<p>Child support cases of Nisqually members will be worked by Olympia Tribal Team.</p> <p>Provide direct access to Olympia Tribal Team via dedicated toll free number 866-850-1496.</p>	<p>DCS has designated a tribal liaison, Natalia Guenther, to handle all Nisqually related cases.</p> <hr/> <p>Nisqually Tribal member's calls are automatically routed to the Olympia DCS Tribal Team.</p>	<p>Natalia Guenther, Tribal Liaison, <a href="mailto:natalia.guenther@dshs.wa.gov">natalia.guenther@dshs.wa.gov</a> 360-664-6859</p> <p>Andy Ewing, Tribal Team Supervisor, <a href="mailto:andy.ewing@dshs.wa.gov">andy.ewing@dshs.wa.gov</a> 364-664-6927</p> <p>The direct contact for Nisqually members is Natalia Guenther. Other Olympia FO Tribal Team members can take calls as needed.</p>	<p>The Nisqually Tribal child support caseload currently has open cases involving 55 Non-custodial parents who self-identify as Nisqually Tribal members.</p> <p>The Nisqually caseload also includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Nisqually Tribal TANF cases and the non-custodial parents associated with these cases.</li> <li>b) Non-custodial parents employed by the Nisqually Tribe, Nisqually Board of Economic Development, Nisqually Red Wind, the Wah He Lut school etc.</li> </ul> <p>Nisqually Tribal member calls that come in to the Olympia Field Office are currently routed to Natalia Guenther.</p> <p>The Division of Child Support will provide the Nisqually Tribe annual reports regarding child support collections from Nisqually Tribal members.</p>

<p>Ensure communication with Nisqually Tribe for information sharing, joint planning and problem solving.</p>	<p>Annual 7.01 meeting</p>	<p>7.01 plan updated to meet the needs of the Nisqually Tribe and the Division of Child Support.</p>	<p>Andy Ewing, Tribal Team Supervisor,  <a href="mailto:andy.ewing@dshs.wa.gov">andy.ewing@dshs.wa.gov</a>  364-664-6927</p>	<p>As of 3/8/2022, the annual 7.01 meeting to review this plan has not been held.</p>
	<p>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>The Division of Child Support (DCS) will continue to do outreach with the Nisqually Tribe once a month in the coming year; Outreach includes making presentation to staff and meeting with clients.</p> <hr/> <p>Educating Nisqually Tribal Social Services staff/community on child support issues so they can address concerns &amp; questions</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</p>	<p>Natalia Guenther and other members of the Olympia Field Office's Tribal Team.</p>	<p>There has been no outreach to the Nisqually community since March 12, 2020 due to the COVID-19 closure. The Division of Child Support would like to discuss resuming outreach to the Nisqually community.</p> <p>Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Division of Child Support provided outreach to Nisqually TANF clients, community members &amp; staff on a monthly basis. DCS is open to providing monthly outreach in the future.</p> <p>The Division of Child Support participates in the Nisqually TANF Orientation and are available to do so in the future.</p> <p>The opportunity to do regular outreach has been a valuable development as DCS has been able to meet with many clients during our visits and gives DCS the ability to consult with Nisqually TANF staff about cases referred to the Division of Child Support.</p>

	of the community they serve.	obligation, debt write-offs and contacting DCS staff.		DCS is willing to present Child Support 101 training to staff, clients, tribal council and community members.
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