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### DSHS Policy 7.01 Plan

July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 Annual Plan and Progress Report

Skokomish Tribe/UIO and

ESA: Division of Child Support (DCS), Region 3, Olympia Office

(contact information listed at end of plan)

	Yes	No
Met with Tribe/UIO?		x
Tribal input received?		x
Tribal approval of plan?		x

Most recent meeting date: 10/7/2020

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1) Provide child support services to Skokomish tribe. Provide information regarding our services to Skokomish tribal staff.	Olympia tribal team works all cases for tribal members and employees of the Skokomish tribe.	Services provided as appropriate.  Members and employees of the Skokomish tribe can expect to interact with knowledgeable staff.	Jacqueline Johnson Melissa Kover Dorothea Dunn Karla Miller Leah Miller Mona Allen Jamie Kenyon	All Skokomish tribal members’ cases are assigned to Dorothea Dunn.  The Skokomish child support caseload currently has open cases involving 55 non-custodial parents (NCPs) whom self-identify as members of the Skokomish tribe.  Attached is a chart showing child support collections from 7/2024 – 12/2024 (most recent collection data). The Division of Child Support will provide a child support collections report on an annual basis.																																							
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	Provide direct access to Olympia tribal team via dedicated toll free number 866-850-1496.	Skokomish members' calls are automatically routed to the tribal team.	<p>The direct contact for Skokomish members is:</p> <p>Dorothea Dunn</p> <p><b>Target Date:</b> On Demand</p>	Skokomish caseload calls are directed to Dorothea Dunn. If Dorothea is unavailable, those calls are taken by other tribal liaisons in the Olympia office.
<b>2) Ensure Communication with Skokomish Tribe for information sharing, joint planning and problem solving.</b>	Meet with tribe upon request for 7.01 planning and other meetings.	To ensure that the Skokomish tribe is informed about child support issues and enable problem solving.	<p>Jacqueline Johnson Melissa Kover Dorothea Dunn Karla Miller Heather Hoyle</p> <p><b>Target Date:</b> Annually</p>	<p>The Skokomish tribe has yet to set a date for the 2025 – 2026 7.01 meeting.</p> <p>The Skokomish tribe last met with DCS for the annual 7.01 meeting on 10/7/2020.</p>
<b>3) Identify needs of American Indian clients &amp; communities and whether current programs and policies meet these needs.</b>	The Olympia Tribal Team is committed to meeting with the Skokomish tribal staff and tribal clients for outreach to be available to Tribal members and Tribal staff to resolve any child support issues, help with paperwork etc.	<p>Complete outreach efforts to ensure cultural awareness and that the current programs and policies meet these needs.</p> <p>Participation in outreach will assist tribal members with being more comfortable working with child support.</p>	<p>Jacqueline Johnson Melissa Kover Dorothea Dunn Karla Miller Leah Miller Mona Allen Jamie Kenyon</p> <p><b>Target Date:</b> On Demand</p>	<p>No outreach was requested 7/2024 – present.</p> <p>DCS is willing to provide direct services and outreach at the tribe for Skokomish members on a monthly or quarterly basis.</p>

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<b>4) The Division of Child Support and the Skokomish Tribe will share training and educational opportunities.</b>	<p>Educating Skokomish tribal staff on child support issues so they can better address concerns and questions from community members.</p> <p>The Division of Child Support is willing to provide “Child Support 101” training to Skokomish tribal staff and the Skokomish community.</p>	<p>Skokomish staff will be better equipped to counsel community members regarding their child support issues.</p> <p>Skokomish tribal community members will have a better understanding of how support is calculated and options available to them such as modification, conference board write-offs etc.</p>	<p>Dorothea Dunn</p> <p><b>Target Date:</b> On Demand</p>	
<b>5) The Division of Child Support is willing to partner with the Skokomish Tribe in developing strategies aimed at increasing the number of tribal members paying toward their child support obligation.</b>	<p>The Division of Child Support is willing to meet with the Skokomish tribe to discuss strategies that result in increasing the amount of child support received each month.</p>	<p>Increase in the number of non-custodial parents supporting their children with child support payments.</p>	<p>Dorothea Dunn</p> <p><b>Target Date:</b> On Demand</p>	

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## CRITERIA USED FOR CASES TO BE INCLUDED IN DCS TRIBAL CASELOAD

- A tribal case includes, at the minimum, one **or** more of the following:
  - A noncustodial parent (NCP) who is a member of a federally recognized Washington tribe.
  - An NCP who is not a member of a federally recognized Washington tribe, but is employed by the tribe, a tribal enterprise, or an Indian owned business located on a reservation or trust land in Washington, if:
    - An enforceable order exists, or
    - An enforceable order does not exist, but the Tribal Liaison recommended including the case in a tribal caseload.
  - A party included under a cooperative child support agreement with DCS.
  - A party receiving program services from a Washington:
    - Tribal TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) program.
    - Tribal IV-D program.
  - Paternity needs to be established and CP is a member of a Washington Tribe with a Tribal IV-D program.
  - Cases associated with a Washington tribal TANF case.
  - A Washington tribal TANF arrears-only case.
- A case involving other tribal connections.
  - Such as: One or more parties are members of a tribe. The NCP, CP or child has a tribal surname. The NCP, CP or child lives on or near a reservation. The NCP has a tribal employer. The NCP or CP has tribal income or assets. The NCP, CP or child receives tribal services. The tribe has a IV-D, TANF or foster care program. A CP has an associated tribal TANF arrears only case. The child was conceived on an Indian reservation. The child is potentially eligible for tribal enrollment. There is an existing tribal court order. DCS has a cooperative agreement or informal process with the tribe. A party receives Indian Health Services benefits.

## Historical Goals not Actively Being Pursued

(1) Plan Year	(2) Activities	(3) Expected Outcome	(4) Lead Staff and Target Date	(5) Status Update
2018 – 2019	Outreach		Kathy Lake-Baker Dorothea Dunn	KLB provided outreach on 7/26/18, 8/23/18, 9/20/18, 10/25/18, 11/15/18 & 12/20/2018, 1/24/19, 2/28/19, 3/28/19, 4/25/19, 5/30/19, 6/27/19. Dorothea replaced KLB when she retired.
2019 – 2020	Outreach		Dorothea Dunn	Dorothea provided outreach 7/25/19, 8/22/19, 9/26/19, 10/24/19 & 11/21/19.
2020 – 2021	Outreach		Dorothea Dunn	COVID
2021 - 2022	Outreach		Dorothea Dunn	COVID
2022 – 2023	Outreach		Dorothea Dunn	COVID
2023 – 2024	Outreach		Dorothea Dunn	Dorothea provided outreach on December 20, 2023 & January 10, 2024. She reached out to the Tribe on March 11, 2024 to offer monthly outreach on the 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. DCS also attended the Skokomish Resource Fail on June 20, 2024.
2024 – 2025	Outreach		Dorothea Dunn	Dorothea has been unable to re-engage Skokomish in outreach.