

Tribal Case Definition

To provide more statewide consistency regarding the definition of a "Tribal Case," DCS is clarifying the definition to include all NCP's who are members of a federally-recognized Indian Tribe in Washington State. The prior definition only included NCP's who are members and who live on or near a reservation. The new definition will allow DCS Tribal Liaisons to manage ALL cases involving a NCP who is a member of a federally-recognized WA Tribe, regardless of whether or not they live on a reservation. This clarification will result in a more consistent process across the state and will require reassigning some cases to other Tribal Liaisons. Over the next few weeks, Tribal Liaisons will review cases and reassign them to the appropriate Liaison.