

## 9.2 Tribal Members

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*Legal References:*

- RCW 74.08A.040
- WAC 388-310-1900(2)
- 42 U.S.C. 602 (a)(5) Equitable Access

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### 9.2.1 Tribal Enrollment

Tribal governments are made up of individuals who are citizens of the United States, citizens of the State in which they reside, and also citizens or "members" of their own tribes. These individuals are usually described as being "enrolled" in a tribe. Eligibility for enrollment is based on the laws of each respective tribe.

Individual enrolled tribal members may be entitled to certain rights and benefits under tribal or federal law. These rights are based on treaties, executive orders, and federal legislation.

To make sure people can take advantage of all of their rights and benefits, we capture race and tribal affiliation information in ACES for every member of the family. We also use ACES/3G to identify tribal members who are living on a reservation and which reservation they live on.

We use this information to support Tribal TANF programs and to administer the Indian Country disregard (federal time limit exemptions for tribal members who live on reservations with high unemployment). For additional information about:

### 9.2.2 Tribal ACES and 3G Codes - Step-by-Step Guide

- Enter race, tribal affiliation, reservation, and Indian Country codes in ACES/3G for every member of the family.
- Document the tribal affiliation for each member of the family. Most tribal members will share this information and proof is not required.

On the (DEM1) screen in ACES and the client screen in 3G:

- Enter the appropriate race codes including Indian (American) or Alaska Native.
- Enter the four-digit tribal affiliation code in the "NAVAM" field for each member of the family.
  - If a person belongs to one of the tribes not on the list enter "9999".
  - For "no tribal affiliation" enter "0000".
- Enter yes or no on the "IND RES" field to indicate whether the family is living on an Indian reservation /Indian Country.