

Ted Thornton, Child Support Program Administrator, DCS Tribal Relations Team

Works in the Tribal Relations Team for the Division of Child Support Headquarters. Provides guidance, support, and recommendations to DCS Tribal Liaisons and Tribal Claims Officers, and District Managers regarding tribal child support issues and cases. Has responsibility for fostering healthy relationships and strong partnerships with the twenty-nine federally recognized Indian Tribes in Washington State. Assists in the formulation of statewide DCS tribal child support policies (in partnership with the DCS Policy Unit) that are consistent with state and federal policies and laws. Contributes in the drafting and negotiations of Intergovernmental contracts and agreements with Indian Nations, including Cooperative Child Support Agreements, Tribal TANF Child Support Agreements, SEMS Web Data Share Agreements, and Federal Offset Certification Agreements. Manages the content and maintenance of public information on the DCS Tribal Relations Internet Website (www.dshs.wa.gov/dcs/tribal), assists in the development of tribal child support educational materials, and provides technical assistance and training for DCS staff and Tribal representatives.