

Policy 7.01 Plan and Progress Report

Biennium Timeframe: July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

Division of Child Support Region Three / Nisqually Tribe

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
1) Continue to provide child support services to Nisqually members. Provide information regarding our services to Nisqually tribal staff.	<p>a) Child support cases of Nisqually members will be worked by Olympia Tribal Team members.</p> <hr/> <p>b) Provide direct access to Olympia Tribal Team via dedicated toll free number. 866-850-1496</p>	<p>Services provided as appropriate.</p> <hr/> <p>Nisqually member's calls are automatically routed to the Tribal Team.</p>	<p>Lisa Vasquez, Tribal Liaison, vasqula@dshs.wa.gov 360-664-6859</p> <p>Andy Ewing, Tribal Team Supervisor, ewingar@dshs.wa.gov 364-664-6927</p> <p>The direct contact for Nisqually members is Lisa Vasquez. Other team members will take calls as needed</p>	<p>There are 61 Non-custodial parents whom self-identify as Nisqually members and these non-custodial parents account for 170 cases.</p> <p>There are 223 Nisqually Tribal TANF cases and the non-custodial parents associated with these cases may or may not be Nisqually Tribe members. There are an additional 65 cases for employees of the Nisqually Tribe, Nisqually Board of Economic Development, Nisqually Red Wind and the Wah He Lut school.</p> <p>Nisqually member's calls that come in to the Olympia Field Office are currently routed to Lisa Vasquez.</p> <p>Attached is a chart showing child support collections from Nisqually Tribal members for the period of January 2018 thru December 2018</p>
2) Ensure communication with Nisqually Tribe for	a) Annual 7.01 meeting	7.01 plan updated to meet the needs of the Nisqually Tribe and the Division of Child Support	<p>Lisa Vasquez Andy Ewing Sandi Cheek SCheek@dshs.wa.gov</p>	A 7.01 meeting was held on January 16, 2019 between the Nisqually Tribe and DCS. The Nisqually Tribe was represented by Marie McDonald and Lorna Kalama; the Division of

<p>information sharing, joint planning and problem solving.</p>			<p>Marie McDonald Nisqually Community Services Director mcdonald.marie@nisqually-nsn.gov Lorna Kalama, TANF site manager kalama.lorna@nisqually-nsn.gov</p>	<p>Child Support's representatives were Lisa Vasquez, Andy Ewing and Sandi Cheek</p> <p>The Division of Child Support will provide the Nisqually Tribe annual reports regarding child support collections from Nisqually tribal members</p> <p>On January 17, 2019, the Division of Child Support determined that there are 61 non-custodial parents (NCPs) identified or whom self identify as Nisqually members. 39 of these NCPs have Olympia/Lacey/Yelm/Rainier addresses; most of those 39 tribal members are in the 98513 zip code and/or have a street address on or near the Nisqually Reservation. All of the non-custodial parents live in Western Washington; from as far south as Battle Ground and Longview to as far north as Woodinville, Kent and Bremerton</p>
	<p>b) The Nisqually Tribe will invite DCS staff to participate in community events and the Tribal Team will attend Nisqually community events when available</p>	<p>Nisqually community members are familiar with DCS staff and more likely to access their services</p>	<p>Lisa Vasquez and other members of the Olympia Field Office's Tribal Team</p>	<p>The Division of Child Support provides outreach to Nisqually TANF clients, community members & staff on a monthly basis. This typically occurs on the 2nd Wednesday of the month to coincide with the tribe's WIC day. There may be months when the outreach day is scheduled for another day due to Nisqually TANF or Tribal Liaison availability. If Lisa Vasquez is unable to make scheduled outreach, another Tribal Liaison will fill in for her. Clients also have the option to meet with the Tribal Liaison at our office in Tumwater</p>

	<p>c) 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> <p>d) Educating Nisqually Tribal Social Services staff/community on child support issues so they can address concerns & questions of the community they serve</p>	<p>Needs of Nisqually Tribal members will be identified and policies and practices will be developed or updated to meet these needs</p> <p>The Nisqually Tribal community become aware of options available to them through DCS such as modifying child support obligation, debt write-offs and contacting DCS staff</p>	<p>The Division of Child Support has participated in the Nisqually TANF Orientation in the past and is available to do so in the future.</p> <p>The Division of Child Support participated in the following Nisqually events in 2018: The Little Red Schoolhouse event Two Nisqually Community Resource dinners The Nisqually Health Fair on 10/12/18 and the Nisqually Resource Fair on 5/23/18. An informational table was staffed at both events. The Division of Child Support will continue to provide monthly outreach and attend events that the Nisqually Tribe invites DCS to attend</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 time to consult with Nisqually TANF staff about the cases referred to the Division of Child Support. DCS is willing to make any changes to accommodate the needs of Nisqually Community Services.</p> <p>The Division of Child Support presented Child Support 101 to Nisqually staff in 2016. DCS is willing to present Child Support 101 training to staff, clients, tribal council and community members..</p> <p>DCS is willing to present or participate in any classes or programs that the Nisqually</p>
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				Community Services staff feels would be helpful to community members.
<p>3) Increase the number of Nisqually Tribal members paying towards their support obligation.</p> <hr/> <p>The Division of Child Support is willing to partner with the Nisqually Tribe in developing strategies and innovative approaches aimed at increasing the number of tribal members paying towards their support obligation</p>	<p>Taking necessary steps to file Per Capita garnishments in Nisqually Tribal Court for arrears debts owed to custodial parents.</p>	<p>Successfully attach per capita payments of non-custodial parents who are not paying their child support obligation</p> <hr/>	<p>Lisa Vasquez SEO 2</p>	<p>DCS continues to be open to working with the Nisqually Tribe and their Tribal Court to see if a garnishment of Nisqually Per Capita is possible for those individuals who do not pay their child support obligation.</p>