

Policy 7.01 Plan and Progress Report **DRAFT**

Timeframe: July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

Division of Child Support: Squaxin Island Tribe

Annual Due Date: April 30 (submit Assistant Secretary's Plan to OIP).

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 Squaxin Island tribal members. Provide information regarding our services to tribal staff.	<p>a) Child support cases of Squaxin Island members & employees of their tribal enterprises will be worked by Olympia Tribal Team staff.</p> <p>b) Provide direct access to Tribal Team via dedicated toll free number 866-850-1496. Dorothea Dunn is Squaxin Island's liaison and her direct line is 664-6863.</p> <p>c) The Division of Child Support will provide the tribe brochures and/or flyers with our toll-free phone number</p>	<p>Service provided as needed.</p> <p>Squaxin Island tribal members can expect to speak to knowledgeable staff.</p> <p>Squaxin Island community will have DCS phone number available in a handy format.</p>	<p>Andy Ewing, Tribal Team Supervisor; ewingar@dshs.wa.gov (360) 664-6927</p> <p>Dorothea Dunn, Tribal Liaison. dunndc@dshs.wa.gov</p>	<p>There are 70 non-custodial parents as identified as Squaxin Island Tribal members accounting for 208 child support cases..</p> <p>Attached is a chart showing Child Support collections from Squaxin Island Tribal members from January 2018 through December 2018</p> <p>There are a number of noncustodial parents who are not Squaxin Island tribal members working for Squaxin Island enterprises and the Division of Child Support receives monies withheld from their pay by Squaxin Island employers.</p> <p>An informational flyer for 2019 has been developed and is now available and attached to this packet.</p> <p>The Squaxin Island staff at the January 22, 2019 7.01 meeting approved the new flyer. This flyer will be posted in a variety of location</p>

	on it.			
2) Ensure communication with Squaxin Island Tribe for information sharing, joint planning and problem solving.	<p>a) Annual 7.01 meeting</p> <p>b) The Division of Child Support does outreach at the Squaxin Island reservation the 3rd Tuesday of the month.</p>	<p>Clients have an opportunity to meet with DCS staff and have their questions/issues addressed</p> <p>Squaxin Island staff and DCS liaison can discuss clients' issues in depth</p>	<p>Andy Ewing, Tribal Team supervisor Dorothea Dunn, Tribal Liaison James Goodspeed Saundra Cheek</p> <p>Attendees at the 7.01 meeting from the Squaxin Island Tribe include;</p> <p>Squaxin Island chairman Arnold Cooper Acooper@squaxin.us</p> <p>Santana Krise skrise@squaxin.us Jamie Queen Jqueen@squaxin.us Famie Mason FMason@squaxin.us</p>	<p>Representatives from the Squaxin Island tribe and the Division of Child Support (DCS) met on January 22, 2019 to discuss and agree on the 2019-2020 7.01 plan</p> <p>DCS does monthly outreach at Squaxin Island and will continue to provide monthly outreach for the foreseeable future. DCS is willing to travel to Squaxin Island outside of normal outreach if a client needs to meet with us. We are open to increasing outreach to Squaxin Island twice monthly the tribe feels there is need for us to so</p> <p>Dorothea Dunn regularly participates in the Building Strong Families Through Culture program and finds this to be an excellent opportunity to connect with community members who may not be able to meet with her during her regular outreach hours</p>

	<p>c) DCS welcomes the opportunity to participate in community events such as health fairs and other events held to benefit the Squaxin community</p>	<p>Squaxin community members become familiar with DCS staff and are more likely to access services and/or discuss child support issues with them.</p>	<p>Dorothea Dunn and other Tribal Team staff</p>	<p>On June 22nd, 2018 – Dorothea Dunn, Andy Ewing, and Kathy Lake-Baker attended the Squaxin Island Community Health & Wellness Fair, interacting with community members through stamping passports for ball-toss game participation. This experience was rewarding and one we are excited to continue with into the future.</p>
<p>3) The Division of Child Support is willing to partner with the Squaxin Tribe in developing strategies and innovative approaches aimed at increasing the number of tribal members paying towards their support obligation</p>	<p>a) Educating Squaxin Island Tribal Family Services staff on child support issues so they can address concerns & questions of the community they serve</p>	<p>Squaxin Island staff will be better equipped to counsel community members regarding their child support issues .</p>	<p>Dorothea Dunn and other Tribal Team staff</p>	<p>DCS is willing to give a “Child Support 101” presentation to interested Squaxin Island staff/tribal council members to provide them a better understanding of relevant child support issues such as modifying child support obligations, conference board write-offs and contacting DCS.</p> <p>The Squaxin Island tribe would like us to prove training to staff in the upcoming year. Dorothea Dunn will contact Squaxin Island to set a training date</p> <p>A sample packet for Per Capita Withholds is currently under review by Squaxin Island Legal Department for verification of process and agreement. Once we receive confirmation, Dorothea Dunn as Tribal Liaison will be submitting requests in batches for each distribution for alignment of the goal of increasing payments toward child support debts.</p>

	<p>b) Better communication to custodial parents & non-custodial parents</p> <p>c) A second 7.01 meeting to be held in the summer of 2019</p>	<p>Non-custodial parents will receive acknowledgement annually thanking them for for the child support paid during the prior year</p> <p>Child support related issues and concerns can be discussed in a more timely manner every 6 months instead of once a year which is the current practice</p>	<p>Target- Summer 2019</p> <p>Squaxin Island Child Support/ Olympia DCS Tribal Team</p>	<p>In July of 2018 Dorothea sent a total of 12 letters to enrolled tribal members Non-custodial Parents thanking them for their consistent child support payments for the year 2017-2018. Another batch of thank you letters will be sent in July 2019.</p> <p>At the 1/22/2019 7.01 meeting, there was discussion in regards to having a mid point 7.01 meeting so Squaxin Island and DCS could discuss child support issues timelier (essentially two 7.01 meetings a year)</p> <p>Both Squaxin Island and DCS found value with this suggestion. A mid-point 7.01 meeting has not been scheduled as of now. Logistics of scheduling meeting, meeting content, need for a meeting etc. will be discussed in the ensuing months</p>
<p>4) Increase the number of Squaxin Island Tribal members paying towards their support obligation</p>	<p>Continually expounding on available services for Non-Custodial Parents to assist in payment towards child support debts.</p>	<p>Increased usage by the Squaxin Island community of the Employment Pipeline and Alternative Solutions Programs,</p>		<p>The Division of Child Support is willing and ready to meet with Squaxin Island Tribe officials in regards to increasing the amount paid each month by the tribe's non-custodial parents</p> <p>Dorothea Dunn has worked the Alternative Solutions referral process into enforcement protocols and regularly refers possible Alternative Solutions participants to the program.</p>

		Review child support order orders for plausible modifications, and provide assistance to our clients in requesting write-offs of State and SPIPA debt due to hardship		
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Completed Tasks 2019-2020 7.01 plan	
Goals/Activities	Details re: accomplishment
Educating Squaxin Island Tribal Family Services staff on child support issues	On December 8 th , 2017 Andy Ewing and Dorothea Dunn met with Squaxin Island Family Services staff to familiarize new hires with DCS services and a summary of how referrals are handled for processing through DCS.
Increase the number of Squaxin Island Tribal members paying towards their support obligation	Squaxin Island Legal is reviewing the paperwork we've developed to attach Squaxin Per Capita