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DSHS Policy 7.01 Plan
July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026
Annual Plan and Progress Report
Kalispel Tribe of Indians and ESA: Division of Child Support (DCS),
Region 1, Spokane Field Office

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	Yes	No
Met with Tribe/UIO?	X	
Tribal input received?	X	
Tribal approval of plan?		X

Most recent meeting date: 03/13/2025

Implementation Plan				Progress Report
(1) Goals/Objectives	(2) Activities	(3) Expected Outcome	(4) Lead Staff and Target Date	(5) Status Update
1) Seek Tribal collaboration in the development of the annual 7.01 plan and progress report.	KTI and DCS will participate in an annual 7.01 meeting Ongoing 7.01 meetings will be convened as needed.	Increase collaboration and strengthen relationships.	Judge Donald Colistro – KTC Jamie Bradley - KTC Lorraine Parlange – KTI Weston Meyring – KTI Kelly Good - KTI Amanda James – DCS Courtney Dale – DCS Target Date: June 2026	The 7.01 plan for the 2024-2025 plan year was proposed 7.01 Plan Meeting for 2025-2026 plan year is scheduled 03/13/2025
2) Continued review of the 2003 Child Support Agreement between DCS and KTI.	Schedule meetings between KTI and DCS to ensure provisions of the 2003 Child Support Agreement are being followed.	Maintain cooperative government-to-government relationship and clarify agreement provisions.	Wes Meyring – KTI Shannon Barry – DCS Amanda James – DCS Kortney Martin - DCS Target Date: June 2026	KTI and DCS staff continue to have monthly meetings and have frequent communication regarding specific issues and needs.

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<p>3) DCS cases involving KTI members and employees of KTI are maintained in the Tribal caseload.</p>	<p>Cases will be reviewed at monthly staffing meetings between KTI and DCS beginning February 2022.</p> <p>DCS notes individuals who identify themselves to DCS or to the Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) as KTI Tribal members. Cases for these individuals are then assigned to the Spokane DCS Kalispel Tribal caseload.</p>	<p>Kalispel Tribal jurisdiction is recognized and applied and cases involving KTI members are correctly identified and appropriately managed by DCS.</p>	<p>Lorraine Parlange – KTI Weston Meyring - KTI</p> <p>Shannon Barry - DCS Amanda James – DCS Kortney Martin - DCS</p> <p>Target Date: 2nd Tuesday of each month</p>	<p>Monthly staffing meetings continue the 2nd Tuesday of each month between KTI and DCS where discussion about the jurisdiction and venue criteria will also take place in these meetings.</p> <p>Parties agree that the criteria for identifying cases that belong in the DCS Kalispel caseload in this 7.01 plan coincide with the 2003 Agreement.</p>
<p>4) Assure opportunity for Tribal Court to order customary, traditional and in-kind support by the non-custodial parent, in lieu of, or in addition to cash support, in all child support cases before the Tribal Court involving a DCS party and ensure adequate input from KT ICW staff as necessary.</p>	<p>Per the terms of sections 2, 5, and 7 of the 2003 Kalispel-DCS Agreement, as applicable, the non-custodial parent may request credit for in-kind or traditional support with proper documentation.</p> <p>DCS does not track or enforce the collection of in-kind support, so will work with KTI staff and the parents, as appropriate, to discuss application of traditional, in-kind and/or customary support in lieu of cash support in open court.</p>	<p>Tribal members understand their rights for in kind payment option. KTI ICW needs and goals are being considered alongside those of the Tribal Court and DCS during child support activities.</p>	<p>Lorraine Parlange – KTI Weston Meyring – KTI Kelly Good - KTI</p> <p>Shannon Barry - DCS Amanda James – DCS Kortney Martin - DCS</p> <p>Target Date: June 2026</p>	<p>Further discussion about pleadings format and content will take place During the monthly staffing meetings.</p> <p>No orders containing In-Kind Support were entered through KTC this past year</p>

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	<p>Court to explain that the custodian should contact DCS Tribal Liaison, Amanda James, if in-kind support is not being received as ordered.</p> <p>DCS and Tribal Court staff will also note the importance of having input from the KTI ICW Department when there is ICW involvement.</p> <p>KTI and DCS staff will contact and consult each other about “best practices” when contacted by a parent who hasn’t received an in-kind payment</p>			

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<p>5) Implementation of the 2003 DCS/KTI Child Support Agreement.</p>	<p>DCS to continue to bring cases to Kalispel Tribal Court (KTC), as provided under the 2003 Child Support Agreement between DCS and KTI.</p> <p>KTI to provide hearing times on the Kalispel Tribal Court Civil Docket to address cases brought by DCS, as well as cases brought by members and employees as set forth in the Agreement.</p>	<p>DCS ensures that language in the Motions and Petitions reflect the intent of the Kalispel Tribal Code.</p> <p>Hearing times are scheduled by Kalispel Tribal Court to allow DCS to appear in Tribal court.</p>	<p>Judge Donald Colistro - KTI Lorraine Parlange – KTI Weston Meyring – KTI Jamie Bradley – KTI Kelly Good – KTI</p> <p>Amanda James – DCS Kortney Martin - DCS Shannon Barry - DCS</p> <p>Target Date: June 2026</p>	<p>Tribal Court hearings are being held in a hybrid model, both in person and telephonically.</p> <p>Voluntary Placement Agreements (VPA) are a part of the child support process through Tribal Court.</p> <p>Tribal Court staff has been helpful in answering clarification questions on procedures to DCS</p>
<p>6) Provide opportunity for parents involved in ICW cases to have cases jointly staffed to address and take into consideration the reunification requirements.</p>	<p>KTI to set ICW, YINOC or VPA cases and Child Support cases consecutively and to appropriately establish paternity and child support orders when there is a State's interest in ICW cases.</p> <p>DCS will inform Tribal Court Manager at the time of filing if ICW and Child Support hearings should be set concurrently.</p>	<p>Better coordination of services allowing parents to focus on issues that promulgated the dependency.</p>	<p>Judge Donald Colistro - KTI Lorraine Parlange - KTI Weston Meyring – KTI Jamie Bradley – KTI Kelly Good - KTI</p> <p>Amanda James – DCS Kortney Martin - DCS Shannon Barry - DCS</p> <p>Target Date: June 2026</p>	<p>DCS may need to request additional information from KTI ICW staff to justify setting a "\$0" order (no support owed) when parents are engaged in reunification efforts. Currently there is one case in process of establishing a zero dollar order under this goal.</p> <p>KTI will inform DCS at monthly staffing meetings if a party to a DCS case is involved in ICW, YINOC or VPA</p>

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<p>7) Provide opportunity for hearings in Kalispel Tribal Court on the charge-off of child support arrearages owed to the State for all Kalispel Tribal NCP's.</p>	<p>The non-custodial parent may request a hearing in Tribal Court to request that some or all of the arrearages be charged-off per Section 7 of the Agreement.</p> <p>The NCP may also ask DCS for a Conference Board review of the case and DCS makes NCP aware of his right to a hearing in Tribal Court</p> <p>DCS staff may also recommend a write-off of debt owed to the State of Washington.</p>	<p>Giving relief to non-custodial parents on a case-by-case basis.</p>	<p>Lorraine Parlange - KTI Weston Meyring - KTI Jamie Bradley - KTI</p> <p>Amanda James – DCS Kortney Martin - DCS Shannon Barry - DCS</p> <p>Target Date: June 2026</p>	<p>Further discussion about ICW cases to take place in monthly staffing meetings.</p> <p>KTI would like to include Voluntary Placement Agreements (VPA) in the 2003 Child Support Agreement and also suggest a hearing process in Tribal Court that can address Voluntary Placement Agreements, Youth-In-Need-Of-Care matters and the child support obligation during the same hearing. Further discussion to take place in monthly staffing meetings.</p> <p>This process continues and has worked very well assisting DCS as to how to proceed prior to filings.</p>
				<p>As of the last 7.01 meeting, there has been no conference board requests by a Kalispel Tribal member.</p>

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<p>8) Provide outreach opportunities for DCS staff to become more familiar to Tribal members and employees, and improve customer knowledge of child support and parentage services available from DCS and at Kalispel Tribal Court.</p>	<p>KTI and DCS Spokane to mutually arrange for DCS to attend outreach opportunities as they arise. A regular schedule and pre-planned events will help to better meet the needs of members.</p> <p>Monthly outreach efforts in Cusick and Airway Heights will be coordinated. DCS participation in KTI orientations in Airway Heights and Cusick will also be coordinated.</p> <p>DCS is available to meet with clients at future public settings such as job fairs, health fairs, employee orientations, etc.</p> <p>Child support information would likely be of use to ICW staff and clients because child support is often an afterthought to families trying to reunite with their children.</p> <p>DCS to submit documents to be placed on KTI website, if requested by KTI.</p>	<p>Kalispel Tribal members and employees of the Tribe become well-informed as to actions they can take in their child support cases.</p> <p>Kalispel members and employees unfamiliar with DCS are better informed of the services offered by DCS.</p>	<p>Lorraine Parlange – KTI Weston Meyring – KTI Jamie Bradley - KTI Kelly Good – KTI</p> <p>Amanda James – DCS Kortney Martin - DCS</p> <p>Cherie Helmick Director of Compensation and Benefits 509-481-4176 chelmick@ktea.com</p> <p>Target Date: June 2026</p>	<p>DCS is able to provide printed materials regarding child support, assistance with Acknowledgement of Parentage forms, and Child Support 101 presentations and share at monthly meetings.</p>

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<p>9) Provide information for the Tribe's Website and/or the Tribal Court website about child support and parentage services available to members, if requested by KTI</p>	<p>DCS will provide information on documentation and forms pertaining to parentage which may be beneficial to Kalispel Tribal members and employees.</p> <p>DCS will provide parentage training upon request from KTI; this training may be helpful for Kalispel Tribal Court staff.</p> <p>Information about the voluntary parentage testing program is available as well.</p> <p>Many forms can be found at: https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/division-child-support/division-child-support-forms</p>	<p>Increased accessibility of forms and how to use them.</p>	<p>Lorraine Parlange - KTI Weston Meyring - KTI Jamie Bradley – KTI</p> <p>Amanda James – DCS Jessica Blake - DCS</p> <p>Target Date: June 2026</p>	<p>DCS shares with Tribes and Tribal programs its semi-annual Parentage and Paternity email newsletters as they are published.</p> <p>No requests for additional/updated information have been received by DCS from KTI.</p> <p>Updated parentage forms were sent to Jamie Bradley in 2024</p>
<p>10) Educate out-of-state child support agencies that attempt direct wage withholding against KTI Tribal employees and attempt attachment of potential per capita payments.</p>	<p>Kalispel staff will forward wage withholding packets and requests for attachment of per capita funds to DCS. DCS will liaise with the out-of-state jurisdictions and inform them of the need to send an Intergovernmental referral to DCS for further referral to the Kalispel Tribal Court.</p>	<p>Out-of-state IV-D agencies are made aware of Kalispel Tribal sovereignty and of the appropriate process to request wage withholding and per capita attachment as established in the 2003 Child Support Agreement.</p>	<p>Lorraine Parlange – KTI Weston Meyring - KTI Kim Yunker – KTEA Ellen Lane - KTI</p> <p>Amanda James – DCS Kortney Martin - DCS</p> <p>Target Date: June 2026</p>	<p>This process is working well.</p> <p>The Tribe has forwarded two out-of-state requests to Amanda since the last 7.01 meeting. Amanda has contacted the state involving each one within 24 hours explaining the process and inviting states to refer the case to Washington State This topic to be added to the monthly staffing meeting agenda so that any inappropriate referrals</p>

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				received by KTI can be forwarded to DCS.
<p>11) KTI is informed when DCS receives a paternity case that involves a KTI descendant child and pursuant to the current agreement, can ask DCS to pursue paternity establishment where DCS has an interest and the parties are subject to, or consent to, Tribal Court Jurisdiction.</p>	<p>DCS to notify KTI of new cases opened by DCS that include a child who may be eligible for enrollment in the Kalispel Tribe and whose paternity is at issue. DCS will follow all necessary Tribal requirements.</p> <p>Per the 2003 Child Support Agreement in a DCS paternity case, the Tribal Court may order that any of the parties submit to genetic testing according to the procedures provided for such testing under DCS' current contract with its testing facility and at the currently applicable costs to DCS for such testing.</p>	<p>Paternity establishment will happen promptly and both alleged parents will be subject to genetic testing.</p>	<p>Lorraine Parlange – KTI Weston Meyring - KTI</p> <p>Shannon Barry - DCS Amanda James – DCS Kortney Martin - DCS</p> <p>Target Date: June 2026</p>	<p>DCS and KTI have been working together to develop appropriate procedures for paternity establishment.</p> <p>Further discussion about paternity establishment to take place in a meeting related to the 2003 Child Support Agreement.</p> <p>There have been two cases in this last plan year that have met criteria for this objective. Paternity was established in both cases through KTC via genetic testing.</p> <p>Paternity orders will have language added to have DOH update birth records.</p>

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<p>12) Locate information will be made available for ICW cases.</p>	<p>The Kalispel ICW Program staff can currently obtain any needed information through the Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) contacts.</p> <p>Direct access to SEMS Web is limited to Tribal IV-A and IV-D agencies that have signed agreements with DCS.</p>	<p>DCS is able to provide locate information to DCYF on joint cases and ICW can request locate information from DCYF</p>	<p>Kelly Good – KTI</p> <p>Mike Brakel - DCS Amanda James - DCS</p> <p>Target Date: June 2026</p>	<p>Case information has not been requested from DCS since the last 7.01 meeting.</p>

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<p>13) Communicate in the most efficient and beneficial way possible.</p>	<p>DCS and Tribe will frequently exchange resource and contact information. DCS will also provide a list of links to additional information available on the web that may be of use to KTI.</p> <p>Many resources are available on the following two DSHS DCS websites:</p> <p>https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/division-child-support</p> <p>https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/division-child-support/tribal-relations</p> <p>DCS will provide a list of Kalispel Tribal cases and statistical information to KTI upon request.</p> <p>KTI has requested DCS track the number of TANF recipient cases in the Kalispel Tribal caseload that are receiving pass through payments.</p>	<p>Tribal members, Tribal staff and DCS will communicate efficiently and effectively.</p>	<p>Lorraine Parlange – KTI Weston Meyring - KTI Kim Yunker – KTEA Ellen Lane – KTI Kim Swennumson - KTI</p> <p>Amanda James – DCS Kortney Martin - DCS</p> <p>Target Date: June 2026</p>	<p>DCS continues to use the secure email system to share client information with KTI for business purposes only.</p> <p>Requests to the Kalispel Tribe for employment verification and Tribal enrollment membership status is working very well.</p> <p>Most DCS staff are unable to appear virtually via video conference due to federal data security requirements. DCS staff are able to attend meetings via TEAMS and ZOOM without video.</p> <p>Amanda James can provide technical assistance to troubleshoot any issues with secure email to KTI.</p> <p>Amanda James Provided updated Kalispel Caseload Statistics at 7.01 meeting.</p>

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<p>14) Issuance of death notifications on DCS cases in the Kalispel Tribal caseload.</p>	<p>Should DCS receive notification of a party on a case in the Kalispel Tribal caseload and it appears that DCS may be providing the first notification of death, DCS will contact the ICW Supervisor prior to any further actions to be taken on the case.</p> <p>It will be at KTI's discretion as to who will contact the appropriate parties associated with the case. (KTI or DCS).</p> <p>Each case will be reviewed on a case by case basis by KTI. Should it be determined that KTI will proceed with initial notification, KTI will notify DCS once contact has been made for DCS to proceed accordingly with next actions on the case.</p>	<p>Tribal members will be notified by their own Tribe instead of a phone call or letter from the State.</p>	<p>Amanda James – DCS Kortney Martin - DCS</p> <p>Kelly Good – KTI</p> <p>Target Date: June 2026</p>	<p>No deaths in Kalispel caseload this past plan year.</p>
<p>15) KTI may assist DCS in service of process on a case-by-case basis.</p>	<p>DCS will file a Motion to authorize service of a foreign document in Kalispel Tribal Court. The Motion/Petition should state what efforts have been taken to effect service, including, but not limited to, how many times DCS has attempted service off the reservation, if at all.</p> <p>For hearings taking place through Kalispel Tribal Court, if a party is either employed by KTI or residing on the reservation, KTI will handle process service. For parties not employed by KTI or residing on the reservation, process service will be handled by DCS</p>	<p>Parentage and child support issues will be addressed more timely.</p>	<p>Lorraine Parlange - KTI Weston Meyring - KTI Jamie Bradley – KTI Kelly Good - KTI</p> <p>Amanda James – DCS Kortney Martin - DCS Shannon Barry - DCS</p> <p>Target Date: June 2025</p>	<p>Kalispel Tribal Court issued a standing order allowing the State of Washington's Division of Child Support to Utilize Probation/Public Safety</p>

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				<p>Officers in Service of Respondents on Tribal Land.</p> <p>This process has been working well.</p> <p>DCS has filed Motions for service on foreign documents twice this past year.</p>
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CRITERIA USED FOR CASES TO BE INCLUDED IN DCS TRIBAL CASELOAD

CRITERIA USED FOR CASES TO BE INCLUDED IN DCS KALISPEL TRIBAL CASELOAD

In the Spokane Office, DCS has designated a specialized Kalispel caseload for working cases affiliated with the Kalispel Tribe of Indians. **Amanda James** is the primary contact for this caseload. This caseload is comprised of cases that meet one or more of the following criteria:

- An NCP is a Kalispel Tribal member (must self-identify as tribal member)
- An enforcement case where an NCP is working for the Kalispel Tribe, Tribal business or enterprise, or an Indian owned business located on the Reservation
- All paternity establishment cases: Where at least one party is American Indian and all of the parties are subject to or consent to, Tribal Court jurisdiction (parties must self-identify as tribal members)
- All child support establishment/modification cases where the NCP resides on the reservation
- All associated NCP cases related to one of the above criteria

NCP = Non-Custodial Parent, the person paying child support

CP = Custodial Parent, the person receiving child support

Historical Goals not Actively Being Pursued

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3) DCS cases involving KTI members and employees of KTI are maintained in the Tribal caseload.	This status update under #3 of the plan moved here			<p>DCS has notified KTI of KTI affiliated cases through a petition filed in Tribal Court by a DCS Claims Officer.</p> <p>This is now done through Monthly Staffing Meetings</p>
4) Assure opportunity for Tribal Court to order customary, traditional and in-kind support by the non-custodial parent, in lieu of, or in addition to cash support, in all child support cases before the Tribal Court involving a DCS party and ensure adequate input from KT ICW staff as necessary.	This status update under #4 of the plan is now completed			<p>KTI and DCS Agreed that language informing parties of their right to request in-kind support will be added to the summons. This was completed this past plan year.</p>
6) Provide opportunity for parents involved in ICW cases to have cases jointly staffed to address and take into consideration the reunification requirements.	This status update under #6 of the plan now completed			<p>Effective 09/01/2022, DCYF published emergency rules significantly limiting the scope of cases referred to DCS and revising its good cause rules. DCYF now only refers cases where a court has made a finding of abandonment as defined in RCW 13.34.030 and good cause does not apply.</p>