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DSHS Policy 7.01 Plan
July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 Annual Plan and Progress
Report
Samish Indian Nation and
ESA: Division of Child Support (DCS), Region 2, Everett Office
(contact information listed at end of plan)

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

Most recent meeting date: The Samish Indian Nation has not replied to DCS's invitations and have thus far declined to meet in 2025.

Implementation Plan				Progress Report
(1) Goals/Objectives	(2) Activities	(3) Expected Outcome	(4) Lead Staff and Target Date	(5) Status Update
1) Provide child support services to Samish Indian Nation Citizens. Provide information regarding our services to Samish Indian Nation tribal staff.	Child Support cases of Samish Indian Nation Citizens including custodial parents will be worked by the Everett Tribal Unit.	Services provided as appropriate.	DCS: Carly Mathews carly.mathews@dshs.wa.gov , Lisa Dupre, Tribal Unit Supervisor at lisa.dupre@dshs.wa.gov Samish Indian Nation: Social Service Director Letitia Julian ljulian@samishtribe.nsn Target Date: Annually	All Samish Indian Nation Citizens' cases will be assigned to Carly Mathews. This will include custodial parent cases per the requests of the Samish Indian Nation. Carly Mathews will be the main contact for Samish Indian Nation social services clients, and the Samish Indian Nation tribal community. To ensure all Samish Indian Nation Citizens are handled by the Everett Tribal Unit, enrollment will be verified. Once verified, the case will be managed by the Everett Tribal Unit.

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	<p>Provide direct access to Tribal Team via direct line to Tribal Liaisons.</p>	<p>Samish Indian Nation Citizens' calls are handled by Carly Mathews or the Everett Tribal Unit and their back-up team.</p>	<p>.</p>	<p>Samish Indian Nation Citizens calls that come into the Everett Field Office are currently routed to Carly Mathews and if she is unavailable, those calls will be routed to the other Tribal Liaisons in the Everett Field Office using our automatic call distribution system.</p> <p>Everett Tribal Unit welcomes Samish Social Services Department providing our contact information for tribal citizens to reach us directly for assistance. Everett Tribal Unit is also able to follow up with Samish Indian Nation Citizens that are needing assistance with child support.</p>

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	Ensure communication with Samish Indian Nation for information sharing, joint planning and problem solving		Carly Mathews, Tribal Liaison and Lisa Dupre, Everett Tribal Liaison and Supervisor	
	Identify needs of American Indian clients & communities and whether current programs and policies meet these needs	Complete outreach efforts by making presentation to staff, meeting with clients by request of Samish Indian Nation Staff.	Upon invitation Carly Mathews and/or Lisa Dupre will meet with Samish Indian Nation clients.	The Everett Tribal Team is committed to meeting with Samish Indian Nation staff and DCS clients at least once per year upon request of Samish Indian Nation.
2) The Division of Child Support collaborates with the Samish Indian Nation in developing strategies aimed at increasing the number of Samish Indian Nation Citizens paying towards their child support obligation	Presenting to Samish Indian Nation tribal staff on child support issues so they can better address concerns and questions from Samish Indian Nation Citizens.	DCS is aware there may be Samish Indian Nation citizens that would be more comfortable discussing child support related issues with Samish Indian Nation Social Services staff rather than with a Washington State Support Enforcement Officer.	Everett Tribal Unit Staff and Samish Indian Nation Tribal Staff Target Date: Annually; Upon invitation from the Samish Indian Nation	The Division of Child Support is available to provide a "Child Support 101" presentation for Samish personnel, tribal council members, or Samish citizens upon request from the Samish Indian Nation. The presentation is designed to cover important topics related to child support, including how cases are started, paternity issues, how support orders are created, how to change existing orders, ways the Division of Child Support helps collect payments, how to get help with enforcement actions, discharge of state debts, and more.

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				<p>The Everett tribal team is committed to enhancing our relationship with the Samish Indian Nation and improving services to Samish citizens. Suggestions and feedback are always welcomed</p>
<p>3) Tribes are invited to attend and participate in Community Partnership for Transition Services (CPTS) and Local Planning Area (LPA) meetings</p>	<p>a) Invite tribes to participate in Local Planning Area (LPA) meetings and Community Partnership and Transition Services (CPTS) meetings.</p>	<p>a) Attendance and participation of Samish Indian Nation in LPA/CPTS meetings.</p>		<p>a) The Samish Indian Nation Staff are invited and encouraged to attend LPA and CPTS meetings.</p> <p>Contact Information for LPA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact: June Fritz june.fritz@dshs.wa.gov; Marissa Davison marissad@communityactionskagit.org; Celica Quirarte celica.quirarte@dshs.wa.gov <p>LPA are virtual and times and dates vary</p> <p>Contact Information for Community Partner Transition Services (CPTS):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact for CPTS – skint@esa.wa.gov CPTS meetings will be monthly, times and dates vary

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4) DCS Tribal staff will participate and volunteer at cultural events when budget allows.	Attend and volunteer at Tribal cultural events.	Better understanding of the Tribal culture and heritage by DCS tribal staff	Everett Tribal Unit Staff and Samish Indian Nation Staff Target Date: Annually	Tribal gatherings and cultural events are announced to the Everett Tribal Liaisons.
5) DCS Tribal Liaisons will provide training and awareness to the DCS office regarding Native American Culture.	DCS Tribal Unit will host a Native American Heritage Event during the month of November as budget allows.	Better educate DCS staff and build awareness of tribal culture.	DCS staff with the assistance of Tribal volunteers. Target Date: Annually	New DCS staff will attend 7.01 Training and Government 2 Government Training. Office of Indian Policy offers 7.01 trainings. New staff are encouraged to take the trainings.

CONTACT INFORMATION SAMISH INDIAN TRIBE

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CRITERIA USED FOR CASES TO BE INCLUDED IN DCS TRIBAL CASELOAD

- CP or NCP is a Samish citizen
- NCP is working for the Samish Tribe, tribal business, or enterprise
- All NCP cases related to one of the above criteria
- Child is enrolled member of Samish Indian Tribe

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Historical Goals not Actively Being Pursued

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All previous historical information will be found on the 2024-2025 7.01 Plan and Progress Report. The information below is effective 01/2025.

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