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

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

Most recent meeting date: The Swinomish Tribe has declined to meet with DCS so far in 2025, but this plan was approved via email by Swinomish Indian Tribe's Blair Page

| Implementation Plan | | | | Progress Report |
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| 1)Provide child support services to Swinomish Indian Tribal Community Members. Provide information regarding our services to Swinomish Indian Tribal Community staff. | Child Support cases of Swinomish Indian Tribal Community members including enrolled custodial parents, will be worked by the tribal liaison responsible for the Swinomish Indian Tribe caseload. | Services provided as appropriate. | Carly Mathews Tribal Liaison carly.mathews@dshs.wa.gov Lisa Dupre, Supervisor, Lisa.Dupre@dshs.wa.gov direct line 425/438-4852 Swinomish Indian Tribal Community Staff Target Date: Annually | Cases which will be assigned to the caseload for the Swinomish Indian Community & worked by a DCS tribal liaison include: Cases where the NCP is an enrolled member of the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community or CP is an enrolled member of the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community & is residing on the Swinomish reservation. Cases where the NCP is working for the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, or a Swinomish Indian Community business/enterprise |

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| | | | | <p>Paternity cases where the named CP on a case is a Swinomish Indian Tribal Community member or the child on the case is a member/eligible for enrollment. Cases where there are existing Swinomish Tribal Court orders, or when there is an active proceeding before tribal court re: paternity or guardianship. Other cases may be specialized on a case-by-case basis.</p> |
| | <p>Provide direct access to Tribal Team via direct line to Tribal Liaisons.</p> | <p>Swinomish Indian Tribal Community member calls are handled by Carly Mathews or the Everett Tribal Unit.</p> | <p>The direct contact for Swinomish Indian Tribal Community members is Carly Mathews direct line is: 425-438-4950</p> | <p>Swinomish Indian Tribal Community members' calls that come in to 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 FO via automatic call</p> |

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| | | | | distribution routing. |
| | Ensure communication with Swinomish Indian Tribal Community for information sharing, joint planning and problem solving | | <p>Carly Mathews, Tribal Liaison Carly.Mathews@dshs.wa.gov</p> <p>Lisa Dupre, Tribal Unit Supervisor lisa.dupre@dshs.wa.gov</p> <p>Swinomish Indian Tribal Community Staff</p> <p>Target Date: Annually</p> | |
| | 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 Swinomish Indian Tribal Community Staff. | <p>Carly Mathews, Tribal Liaison Carly.Mathews@dshs.wa.gov</p> <p>Lisa Dupre, Tribal Unit Supervisor lisa.dupre@dshs.wa.gov</p> <p>Swinomish Indian Tribal Community Staff</p> <p>Target Date: monthly or as requested by Swinomish Indian Tribe</p> | Carly Mathews is available on site at Swinomish Family Services with Skagit Legal aide to answer child support related questions and provide on site services to existing clients. One time per month typically the third Friday of the month – from 11 am – 3 pm |

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| <p>2)The Division of Child Support is willing to partner with the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community in developing strategies aimed at increasing the number of tribal members paying towards their child support obligation</p> | <p>Presenting to Swinomish Indian Tribal Community staff on child support issues so they can better address concerns and questions from community members</p> | <p>DCS is aware there may be Tribal members that would be comfortable discussing child support related issues with Swinomish Social Services staff rather than with a Support Enforcement Officer.</p> | <p>Carly Mathews, Tribal Liaison Carly.Mathews@dshs.wa.gov</p> <p>Lisa Dupre, Tribal Unit Supervisor lisa.dupre@dshs.wa.gov</p> <p>Swinomish Indian Tribal Community Staff</p> <p>Target Date: Upon Request</p> | <p>The Division of Child Support is able to give a "Child Support-101 presentation to interested Swinomish Indian Community staff/tribal council members to provide a better understanding of relevant child support issues. 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.</p> <p>The Everett tribal team is committed to enhancing our relationship with the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community and Swinomish Indian Tribal Community members. Suggestions and feedback are always welcomed.</p> |

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| | | | | <p>The Everett tribal team is committed to improving our service to the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community and suggestions and feedback are always welcomed.</p> |
| | <p>Invite tribe to participate in Local Planning Area (LPA) meetings and Community Partnership Transition Services (CPTS) meetings.</p> | <p>Attendance and participation of Tribes in LPA/CPTS meetings.</p> | | <p>The Swinomish Indian Tribal Community 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@communityactionkagit.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 = |

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| | | | | skint@esa.wa.gov <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPTS meetings will be monthly, times and dates vary |
| 3) DCS Tribal liaison staff will participate and volunteer at Tribal cultural events when available | Attend and volunteer at Tribal cultural events. | Better understanding of the Tribal culture and heritage by DCS staff | Everett Tribal Unit Staff and Swinomish Indian Tribal Community Staff Target Date: Annually | Tribal Gatherings and cultural events are shared with the Everett Tribal Team. DCS staff will be able to attend as budget allows. |
| 4) 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. | Better educate DCS staff and build awareness of tribal culture. | DCS staff with the assistance of Tribal volunteers. Target Date: Annually | DCS staff will host a National Native American Heritage Month Celebration in November annually. This may include partnering with Tribal Relations Team at DCS HQ to offer presentations by Tribal Partners. |

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| | | | | <p>Government to Government Training and 7.01 Administrative Policy Training will be offered to new hires as training becomes available.</p> |

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CRITERIA USED FOR CASES TO BE INCLUDED IN DCS TRIBAL CASELOAD

- NCP is an enrolled member of Swinomish Tribe
- NCP is working for the Swinomish Tribe, tribal business, or enterprise
- All NCP cases related to one of the above criteria
- CP or Child is enrolled Swinomish Tribal member and paternity needs to be established

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.