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## DSHS Policy 7.01 Plan

July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 Annual Plan and Progress Report

Hoh Tribe /UIO and

ESA: Division of Child Support (DCS), Region 3, Olympia 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: 1/17/2025

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1) Continue to provide child support services to Hoh members. Provide information regarding our services to Hoh tribal staff.	Olympia tribal team works all cases for tribal members and employees of the Hoh Tribe.	Services provided as appropriate.	Carol Noski Melissa Kover Britni Duncan Melissa Hoban  Target Date: Annually	All Hoh tribal members’ cases are assigned to Carol Noski.																																						
				<p>The Hoh child support caseload currently has open cases involving 22 non-custodial parents (NCPs) whom self-identify as members of the Hoh tribe.</p> <p>The Hoh tribal caseload also includes non-tribal NCPs whom are employed by the Hoh tribe.</p> <p>Attached is a chart showing child support collections from 7/2024 – 12/2024 (most recent collection data). The Division of Child Support will provide a child support collections report on an annual basis.</p> <table><tr><th>Month</th><th>Monthly support obligation</th><th>Current support collected</th><th>Arrears collected</th><th># of NCPs</th><th># of NCPs paying</th></tr><tr><td>Jul-2024</td><td>\$ 5,187.92</td><td>\$ 1,680.92</td><td>\$ 516.08</td><td>21</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>Aug-2024</td><td>\$ 5,187.92</td><td>\$ 1,674.53</td><td>\$ 452.66</td><td>22</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>Sep-2024</td><td>\$ 5,187.92</td><td>\$ 1,200.92</td><td>\$ 406.08</td><td>22</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>Oct-2024</td><td>\$ 5,187.92</td><td>\$ 1,643.96</td><td>\$ 406.08</td><td>22</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>Nov-2024</td><td>\$ 5,187.92</td><td>\$ 1,350.04</td><td>\$ 300.00</td><td>22</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>Dec-2024</td><td>\$ 5,187.92</td><td>\$ 1,376.25</td><td>\$ 1,024.88</td><td>22</td><td>6</td></tr></table>	Month	Monthly support obligation	Current support collected	Arrears collected	# of NCPs	# of NCPs paying	Jul-2024	\$ 5,187.92	\$ 1,680.92	\$ 516.08	21	5	Aug-2024	\$ 5,187.92	\$ 1,674.53	\$ 452.66	22	5	Sep-2024	\$ 5,187.92	\$ 1,200.92	\$ 406.08	22	4	Oct-2024	\$ 5,187.92	\$ 1,643.96	\$ 406.08	22	5	Nov-2024	\$ 5,187.92	\$ 1,350.04	\$ 300.00	22	4	Dec-2024	\$ 5,187.92
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	Provide direct access to Tribal Team via dedicated toll free number 866-850-1496.	Hoh members' calls are automatically routed to the tribal team.	The direct contact for Hoh members is:  Carol Noski	Hoh members' calls that come in to the Olympia office are currently routed to Carol Noski. If she is unavailable those calls will be routed to the other tribal liaisons in the Olympia office.
<b>2) Ensure communication with Hoh Tribe for information sharing, joint planning and problem solving.</b>	Meet with tribe upon request for 7.01 planning and other meetings.	To ensure that the Hoh tribe is informed about child support issues and enable problem solving.	Britni Duncan Kristina Currie Darlene Hollum Jaci Johnson Melissa Kover Carol Noski Brenda Francis-Thomas  <b>Target Date:</b> Annually or as requested by Hoh tribe.	Hoh Tribe met with DCS for the annual 7.01 plan on January 17, 2025.  Per 2/6/2025 email from Brenda – “Great news, the Hoh Tribal Council met yesterday and approved all of the plans that you all worked on.”
<b>3) Identify needs of American Indian clients &amp; communities and whether current programs and policies meet these needs.</b>	The Olympia Tribal Team is committed to meeting with the Hoh tribal staff and tribal clients quarterly for outreach to be available to Tribal members and Tribal staff to resolve any child support issues, help with paperwork etc. The Hoh Tribe has an office space that can be used.  This includes the Hoh Health Fair, Hoh Days - last weekend in June (informational booth, volunteering or other duties as requested by the tribe) and	Complete outreach efforts to ensure cultural awareness and that the current programs and policies meet these needs.  Participation in outreach will assist tribal members with being more comfortable working with child support.	Carol Noski Britni Duncan Maria Lopez  Outreach to be provided quarterly or as needed.  <b>Target Date:</b> Annually or as requested by the tribe.	DCS provided outreach to the Hoh tribe on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July 16, 2024 – Direct outreach</li> <li>• August 23, 2024 – Hoh Health Fair</li> <li>• October 22, 2024 – Direct outreach</li> </ul>

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	possibly the Tribal Canoe Journey. The tribal team will be in contact with Hoh staff to set up dates for visits and to allow them time to ensure that the Hoh community is aware of upcoming visits through the Hoh Events Calendar and Hoh Tribe Facebook page.			
<b>4) Training and educational awareness</b>	<p>Educating Hoh tribal staff on child support issues so they can better address concerns and questions from community members.</p> <p>The Tribe is interested in receiving Child Support 101 training.</p> <p>DCS staff will attend 7.01 trainings.</p>	<p>Hoh staff will be better equipped to counsel community members regarding their child support issues and Hoh community members will have a better understanding of how support is calculated and options available to them such as modification, conference board write-offs etc.</p> <p>DCS attendance in trainings will give them knowledge of government to government and 7.01 policy.</p>	<p>Carol Noski Britni Duncan</p> <p><b>Target Date:</b> Date to be determined by Tribe.</p>	<p>The Olympia FO tribal team is committed to improving our service to the Hoh Tribe and so suggestions and feedback are always welcome.</p> <p>Carol will follow up on the Child Support 101 training.</p>

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

- A tribal case includes, at the minimum, one **or** more of the following:
  - A noncustodial parent (NCP) who is a member of a federally recognized Washington tribe.
  - An NCP who is not a member of a federally recognized Washington tribe, but is employed by the tribe, a tribal enterprise, or an Indian owned business located on a reservation or trust land in Washington, if:
    - An enforceable order exists, or
    - An enforceable order does not exist, but the Tribal Liaison recommended including the case in a tribal caseload.
  - A party included under a cooperative child support agreement with DCS.
  - A party receiving program services from a Washington:
    - Tribal TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) program.
    - Tribal IV-D program.
  - Paternity needs to be established and CP is a member of a Washington Tribe with a Tribal IV-D program.
  - Cases associated with a Washington tribal TANF case.
  - A Washington tribal TANF arrears-only case.
- A case involving other tribal connections.
  - Such as: One or more parties are members of a tribe. The NCP, CP or child has a tribal surname. The NCP, CP or child lives on or near a reservation. The NCP has a tribal employer. The NCP or CP has tribal income or assets. The NCP, CP or child receives tribal services. The tribe has a IV-D, TANF or foster care program. A CP has an associated tribal TANF arrears only case. The child was conceived on an Indian reservation. The child is potentially eligible for tribal enrollment. There is an existing tribal court order. DCS has a cooperative agreement or informal process with the tribe. A party receives Indian Health Services benefits.

## Historical Goals not Actively Being Pursued

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2021 - 2022	Outreach events		Stephanie	COVID – No outreach
2022 – 2023	Outreach events		Stephanie	COVID – No outreach
2023 – 2024	Monthly outreach		Stephanie/Carol	Stephanie has been unsuccessful in setting up outreach at Hoh tribe through 2/2024. New TL Carol took over for Stephanie effective 3/2024. She did direct outreach on 5/21/2024.
2024 – 2025	Outreach events		Carol	Carol attended the Hoh Health Fair on 8/23/2024.
	Monthly outreach		Carol	Carl did direct outreach on 7/16/2024 & 10/22/2024.