

DRAFT Policy 7.01 Plan and Progress Report
 Timeframe: July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

Division of Child Support Region 3 / Lower Elwha Klallam 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
Continue to provide child support services to Lower Elwha members. Provide information regarding our services to Lower Elwha tribal staff.	<p>Child support cases of LEKT members will be worked by Olympia Tribal Team members.</p> <p>Direct access to Tribal Team via dedicated toll free number 866-850-1496. Eric Stender's direct phone line is (360) 664-6971.</p> <p>The tribal caseload consists of both tribal members and tribal associated cases.</p> <p>The Division of Child Support will provide annual reports to the Lower Elwha KlallamTribe regarding child support collections from LEKT members.</p>	Lower Elwha tribal members can expect to talk to knowledgeable staff.	<p>Sandy Hill, Tribal Team Supervisor (360) 664-6943 sandra.hill@dshs.wa.gov</p> <p>Eric Stender, Lower Elwha Liaison (360) 664-6971 eric.stender@dshs.wa.gov</p>	<p>The Lower Elwha Klallam child support caseload currently has open cases involving 45 Non-custodial parents whom self-identify as LEKT members.</p> <p>The Lower Elwha caseload also includes Lower Elwha Klallam TANF cases and the non-custodial parents associated with these cases. The caseload also includes Lower Elwha employees regardless of tribal status.</p> <p>All Lower Elwha associated cases are assigned to Eric Stender. LEKT member's calls that come in to the Olympia Field Office are currently routed to Eric Stender.</p>
Ensure communication with Lower Elwha Tribe for information sharing, joint	Annual 7.01 meeting	7.01 Plan updated to meet the needs of LEKT and DCS.	7.01 meeting held via Teams on March 29, 2023 Representing DCS:	DCS met with the Lower Elwha Tribe virtually on 3/29/23. Draft Plan to be forwarded for final approval.

<p>planning and problem solving.</p>	<p>LEKT will invite DCS staff to participate in community events and the Tribal Team will attend LEKT community events when available.</p>	<p>LEKT community members are familiar with DCS staff and more likely to access their services.</p> <p>Needs of LEKT community clients will be identified and policies/practices/programs will be developed or updated to meet these needs.</p>	<p>Sandy Hill Eric Stender Mike Canonica, Olympia FO District Manager Michael.Canonica@dshs.wa.gov Kristin Krolikowski, DCS Tribal Relations James Sugden, DCS Tribal Relations Brenda Francis-Thomas, OIP</p> <p><u>Representing Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe:</u> Rebecca Sampson-Weed, Lower Elwha Social Services Director Becca.weed@Elwha.org Nicole Volkmann Jessica Wright, TANF/GA Case Manager Becky Charles, TANF Coordinator</p>	<p>The Olympia Tribal Team looks forward to participating in future Lower Elwha associated events that we are invited to. The Olympia Tribal Team also hopes to resume outreach in the Lower Elwha's community to meet with Lower Elwha tribal staff and/or DCS clients Outreach usually occurs every 3 to 4 months (and more frequently if warranted).</p>
<p>The Division of Child Support is willing to partner with the Lower Elwha Tribe in developing strategies aimed at increasing the number of tribal members paying towards their support obligation.</p>	<p>Keep LEKT staff/ community knowledgeable of what DCS can do for them.</p>	<p>Increase the number of Lower Elwha children whose households receive child support.</p> <p>Provide important information to members of the LEKT in regards to child support options such as modifications and conference board write-offs.</p>	<p>Eric Stender will provide training of SEMSWeb once access is granted to LEKT.</p> <p>Eric Stender will be the point of contact for providing the Lower Elwha Child Support 101 training.</p>	<p>The DCS is willing to provide "Child Support 101" training to any and all parties associated with LEKT (Tribal Council, Social Services staff, the general community etc.). DCS is willing to partner with other agencies that plan on making presentations to the LEKT community.</p> <p>The Division of Child Support is willing to provide training on the use of SEMSWeb once access to this program is reinstated.</p>

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