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DSHS Policy 7.01 Plan

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

Makah 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: 05/22/2024

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1) Provide child support services to Makah tribe. Provide information regarding our services to Makah tribal staff.	Olympia tribal team works all cases for Makah tribal members and employees of the Makah tribe.	Services provided as appropriate. Members and employees of the Makah tribe can expect to interact with knowledgeable staff.	Lisa Halttunen Maiya Buzzell Cheryl Clark Crysandra Sones Jacqueline Johnson Melissa Kover Carol Noski Brenda Francis-Thomas Target Date: Annually	<p>All Makah tribal members’ cases are assigned to Carol Noski.</p> <p>The Makah child support caseload currently has open cases involving 150 non-custodial parents (NCPs) whom self-identify as members of the Makah 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>\$ 31,611.02</td><td>\$ 16,214.16</td><td>\$ 11,221.73</td><td>146</td><td>44</td></tr><tr><td>Aug-2024</td><td>\$ 30,855.02</td><td>\$ 17,783.06</td><td>\$ 4,834.24</td><td>146</td><td>44</td></tr><tr><td>Sep-2024</td><td>\$ 30,930.52</td><td>\$ 17,572.13</td><td>\$ 12,019.90</td><td>146</td><td>41</td></tr><tr><td>Oct-2024</td><td>\$ 30,807.52</td><td>\$ 17,114.59</td><td>\$ 5,787.76</td><td>147</td><td>46</td></tr><tr><td>Nov-2024</td><td>\$ 30,532.12</td><td>\$ 17,609.87</td><td>\$ 4,794.19</td><td>149</td><td>44</td></tr><tr><td>Dec-2024</td><td>\$ 30,546.12</td><td>\$ 16,957.82</td><td>\$ 4,610.12</td><td>150</td><td>42</td></tr></table> <p>The Makah tribal caseload also includes non-tribal NCPs whom are employed by the Makah tribe.</p>	Month	Monthly support obligation	Current support collected	Arrears collected	# of NCPs	# of NCPs paying	Jul-2024	\$ 31,611.02	\$ 16,214.16	\$ 11,221.73	146	44	Aug-2024	\$ 30,855.02	\$ 17,783.06	\$ 4,834.24	146	44	Sep-2024	\$ 30,930.52	\$ 17,572.13	\$ 12,019.90	146	41	Oct-2024	\$ 30,807.52	\$ 17,114.59	\$ 5,787.76	147	46	Nov-2024	\$ 30,532.12	\$ 17,609.87	\$ 4,794.19	149	44	Dec-2024	\$ 30,546.12	\$ 16,957.82	\$ 4,610.12	150	42
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	Provide direct access to Olympia tribal team via dedicated toll free number 866-850-1496.	Makah members' calls are automatically routed to the tribal team.	The direct contact for Makah members is Target Date: On Demand	Makah caseload calls are directed to Carol Noski. If Carol is unavailable, those calls are taken by other tribal liaisons in the Olympia office.
2) Ensure Communication with Makah Tribe for information sharing, joint planning and problem solving.	Meet with tribe upon request for 7.01 planning and other meetings.	To ensure that the Makah tribe is informed about child support issues and enable problem solving.	Lisa Halttunen Maiya Buzzell Cheryl Clark Crysandra Sones Jacqueline Johnson Melissa Kover Carol Noski Brenda Francis-Thomas Target Date: Annually	The Makah tribe has yet to set a date for the 2025-2026 7.01 meeting. The Makah tribe met with DCS for the annual 7.01 meeting on 05/22/2024.
3) Identify needs of American Indian clients & communities and whether current programs and policies meet these needs.	The Olympia Tribal Team is committed to meeting with the Makah tribal staff and Makah tribal clients for quarterly outreach to be available to Tribal members and Tribal staff to resolve any child support issues, help with paperwork etc. This outreach includes participation in tribal community events such as the Makah Health Fair.	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 Lisa Halttunen Target Date: On Demand	DCS completed the following outreach during the period 7/2024 – present. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7/18/2024 - 2024 Senior Information and Assistance Fair• 9/18/2024 – Outreach• 10/23/2024 – Outreach• 3/20/2025 - Outreach Olympia tribal team looks forward to participating in future Makah community events that we are invited to.

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	<p>The tribal team will be in contact with the Makah Tribe and social services staff to set up dates for visits to ensure that the Makah community is aware of upcoming visits via the Tribes quarterly newsletter or the Tribes Facebook page. Lisa Halttunen provided a copy of the CSO flyer to be used as a template.</p>			
<p>4) The Division of Child Support and the Makah Tribe will share training and educational opportunities.</p>	<p>Educating Makah tribal staff on child support issues so they can better address concerns and questions from community members.</p> <p>The Makah tribe is interested in having “Child Support 101” training to Makah tribal staff and the Makah community annually. DCS will contact the Makah Tribe to schedule the presentation.</p>	<p>Makah staff will be better equipped to counsel community members regarding their child support issues. Makah tribal 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>Carol Noski Lisa Halttunen</p> <p>Target Date: Annually</p>	

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5) The Division of Child Support is willing to partner with the Makah Tribe in developing strategies aimed at increasing the number of tribal members paying toward their child support obligation.	<p>The Division of Child Support is willing to meet with the Makah social services staff to discuss strategies that result in increasing the amount of child support received each month.</p> <p>Currently custodial parents have the ability to petition the courts for a full faith and credit order.</p> <p>Makah Tribal payroll currently withholds funds from the pay of non-custodial parents if there is a voluntary wage assignment in place.</p>	<p>Increase in the number of non-custodial parents supporting their children with child support payments.</p>	<p>Carol Noski Lisa Halttunen Maiya Buzzell Ray Cruz</p> <p>Target Date: Annually</p>	<p>Lisa Halttunen and Maiya Buzzell offered to contact staff in the Judicial Dept. to provide DCS with more information on petitioning the courts for a full faith & credit order.</p>
6) Increase efficiency of serving child support orders on Makah Tribal Member non-custodial parents to aid in providing financial support to tribal children.	<p>The Makah Tribal Police is currently serving documents on the reservation on behalf of the Clallam Co. Prosecuting Attorney.</p>	<p>The Division of Child Support would have an alternate method to serve DCS documents in the Makah community if service by mail is unsuccessful.</p> <p>Lisa Halttunen and Maiya Buzzell to explore facilitating a meeting between DCS and the Tribal Police Dept. to address service issues.</p>	<p>Lisa Halttunen Maiya Buzzell</p> <p>Target Date: Annually or as needed.</p>	<p>A meeting with the Makah Tribal Police did not occur as had hoped at our outreach on 9/30/22, but we would still like to attempt this again in the coming year to reach out and discuss the possibility of service of documents on the reservation</p>

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7) DSHS Staff will be trained on the American Indian Policy, Administrative Policy 7.01 and Government to Government Training by GOIA.	Facilitate training of 7.01 policy and Government to Government training for new staff.	Staff will be trained on government-to-government relations and how DSHS works with tribes.	Chris Franks Brenda Francis-Thomas Target Date: On Demand	

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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	DCS has explored the possibility of the Makah Tribe accepting direct wage withholds.		Ann Bailie Eric Stender	DCS acknowledges the Makah Tribe's sovereignty by no longer pursuing the issue of DCS issued wage withholds.
	Outreach		Ann Bailie Eric Stender	Last outreach was on 9/30/2022.
2022 – 2023	Outreach		Ann Bailie Eric Stender	Attended career fair 2/22/2023 & attended senior health fair on 4/27/2023.
2023 – 2024	Outreach		Ann Bailie Eric Stender	No outreach done. Carol became tribal liaison effective 3/1/2024.
2024 - 2025	Outreach		Carol Noski	Carol attended the senior health fair 7/18/2024. Carol did outreach on 9/18/2024, 10/23/2024 & 3/20/2025.