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### DSHS Policy 7.01 Plan

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

Squaxin Island 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: 02/15/2023

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<p><b>1) Provide child support services to Squaxin Island tribe. Provide information regarding our services to Squaxin Island tribal staff.</b></p>	<p>Olympia tribal team works all cases for tribal members and employees of the Squaxin Island tribe.</p>	<p>Services provided as appropriate.</p> <p>Members and employees of the Squaxin Island tribe can expect to interact with knowledgeable staff.</p>	<p>Charlene Abrahamson Marcella Cooper Jamie Queen Jolene Peters Jacqueline Johnson Melissa Kover Dorothea Dunn</p> <p><b>Target Date:</b> Annually</p>	<p>All Squaxin Island tribal members' cases are assigned to Dorothea Dunn.</p> <p>The Squaxin Island child support caseload currently has open cases involving 57 non-custodial parents (NCPs) whom self-identify as members of the Squaxin Island 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 border="1"> <thead> <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> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Jul-2024</td> <td>\$ 10,549.41</td> <td>\$ 2,110.54</td> <td>\$ 1,182.96</td> <td>56</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aug-2024</td> <td>\$ 10,827.41</td> <td>\$ 2,110.54</td> <td>\$ 5,710.24</td> <td>57</td> <td>16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sep-2024</td> <td>\$ 11,215.92</td> <td>\$ 2,228.79</td> <td>\$ 1,972.40</td> <td>56</td> <td>14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Oct-2024</td> <td>\$ 11,215.92</td> <td>\$ 2,403.54</td> <td>\$ 1,527.59</td> <td>56</td> <td>15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nov-2024</td> <td>\$ 11,215.92</td> <td>\$ 2,462.54</td> <td>\$ 5,325.84</td> <td>57</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dec-2024</td> <td>\$ 11,215.92</td> <td>\$ 2,462.54</td> <td>\$ 2,655.75</td> <td>57</td> <td>12</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The Squaxin Island tribal caseload also includes non-tribal NCPs whom are employed by the Squaxin Island tribe.</p>	Month	Monthly support obligation	Current support collected	Arrears collected	# of NCPs	# of NCPs paying	Jul-2024	\$ 10,549.41	\$ 2,110.54	\$ 1,182.96	56	10	Aug-2024	\$ 10,827.41	\$ 2,110.54	\$ 5,710.24	57	16	Sep-2024	\$ 11,215.92	\$ 2,228.79	\$ 1,972.40	56	14	Oct-2024	\$ 11,215.92	\$ 2,403.54	\$ 1,527.59	56	15	Nov-2024	\$ 11,215.92	\$ 2,462.54	\$ 5,325.84	57	20	Dec-2024	\$ 11,215.92	\$ 2,462.54	\$ 2,655.75	57	12
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	Provide direct access to Olympia tribal team via dedicated toll free number 866-850-1496.	Squaxin Island members' calls are automatically routed to the tribal team.	The direct contact for Squaxin Island members is  Dorothea Dunn  <b>Target Date:</b> On Demand	Squaxin Island caseload calls are directed to Dorothea Dunn. If Dorothea is unavailable, those calls are taken by other tribal liaisons in the Olympia office.
<b>2) Ensure Communication with Squaxin Island 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 Squaxin Island tribe is informed about child support issues and enable problem solving.	Charlene Abrahamson Marcella Cooper Jamie Queen Jolene Peters Jacqueline Johnson Melissa Kover Dorothea Dunn Heather Hoyle  <b>Target Date:</b> Annually	The Squaxin Island Tribe has not set a date yet for the 2025-2026 7.01 meeting.  The Squaxin Island tribe last met with DCS for the annual 7.01 meeting on 02/15/2023.
	Provide MOU/Resolution or any other standing agreements to ensure they are up-to-date within tribal code or state law.	Enhanced knowledge by both DCS and Tribe to work toward assisting clients.	Charlene Abrahamson Marcella Cooper Jamie Queen Jolene Peters Jacqueline Johnson Melissa Kover Dorothea Dunn Heather Hoyle  <b>Target Date:</b> Annually at 7.01 meeting.	

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<p><b>3) Identify needs of American Indian clients &amp; communities and whether current programs and policies meet these needs.</b></p>	<p>The Olympia Tribal Team is committed to meeting with the Squaxin Island tribal staff and tribal clients Squaxin Island for outreach to be available to Tribal members and Tribal staff to resolve any child support issues, help with paperwork and provide resources etc.</p> <p>DCS welcomes the opportunity to participate in community events such as health fairs and other events held to benefit the Squaxin Island community.</p> <p>The Division of Child Support will participate in outreach bi-monthly at the Squaxin Island Reservation.</p>	<p>Complete outreach efforts to ensure cultural awareness and that the current programs and policies meet these needs.</p> <p>Participation in outreach will assist tribal members with being more comfortable working with child support.</p>	<p>Dorothea Dunn</p> <p><b>Target Date:</b> On Demand</p>	<p>DCS routinely participates in outreach at the tribe on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month.</p>
<p><b>4) The Division of Child Support and the Squaxin Island Tribe will share training and educational opportunities.</b></p>	<p>Educating Squaxin Island tribal staff on child support issues so they can better address concerns and questions from community members.</p> <p>The Division of Child Support is willing to provide “Child Support 101” training to Squaxin Island tribal staff and the Squaxin Island community.</p>	<p>Squaxin Island staff will be better equipped to counsel community members regarding their child support issues. Squaxin Island tribal community members will have a better understanding of how support is calculated and</p>		<p>On 9/25/2024 Dorothea provided “Child Support 101” training for both tribal staff and the community.</p>

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		options available to them such as modification, conference board write-offs etc.		
<b>5) The Division of Child Support is willing to partner with the Squaxin Island Tribe in developing strategies aimed at increasing the number of tribal members paying toward their child support obligation.</b>	Division of Child Support will acknowledge NCP's by thanking them for child support paid during the prior year.  Letters to be sent every January.	Support the Squaxin Island tribal community and enhance customer engagement.	Dorothea Dunn  <b>Target Date:</b> Annually	On January 17, 2025 Dorothea sent 5 thank you letters to Squaxin Island tribal members.

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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

(1) Plan Year	(2) Activities	(3) Expected Outcome	(4) Lead Staff and Target Date	(5) Status Update
2017 – 2018	Educating Squaxin Island Tribal Family Services staff on child support issues.		Dorothea Dunn Andy Ewing	On December 8, 2017, Andy Ewing and Dorothea Dunn met with Squaxin Island Family Services staff to familiarize new hires with DCS services and a summary of how referrals are handled for processing through DCS
2018 – 2019	Increase the number of Squaxin Island Tribal members paying towards their support obligation.		Dorothea Dunn	Squaxin Island Legal has reviewed and approved the process developed by the Tribe and DCS to attach Squaxin Island Tribal per capita benefits. Completed in 2018-2019.
	Participation in events such as health fairs that are held to benefit the Squaxin community.		Dorothea Dunn	DCS was a vendor at the Squaxin Island Community Health & Wellness Fair held 6/14/2019.
2019 – 2020	Increase number of Squaxin Island Tribal members paying towards their support obligation.		Dorothea Dunn	The Division of Child Support, with assistance from Squaxin Island Legal, issued two Orders to Withhold attaching per capita payments due Squaxin Island Tribal members.
2020 – 2021	Outreach		Dorothea Dunn	COVID
2021 – 2022	Outreach		Dorothea Dunn	Dorothea resumed monthly outreach in approximately Spring 2022.
2022 – 2023	Outreach		Dorothea Dunn	Dorothea provided outreach twice per month on the 2nd/4th Tuesday.
2023 – 2024	Outreach		Dorothea Dunn	Dorothea provided outreach twice per month. Outreach shifted to 2nd/4th Wednesday effective September 2023.
2024 - 2025	Outreach		Dorothea Dunn	Dorothea provided outreach twice per month on the 2nd/4th Wednesdays.

	Educating Squaxin Island Community and staff on DCS services.		Dorothea Dunn	On 9/25/2024 Dorothea provided "Child Support 101" training for both tribal staff and the community.
	Acknowledge Squaxin Island NCP's for payments.		Dorothea Dunn	On January 17, 2025 Dorothea sent 5 thank you letters to Squaxin Island tribal members.

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