



## Guiding Principles

- Children are our highest priority
- Reliable child support is crucial for families striving for self - sufficiency
- Stay consistent with Tulalip culture and tradition
- All clients are treated fairly and kept informed
- Work in cooperation with other Tulalip Services to recognize and work to address the needs of every family
- Build strong and committed partnerships
- Provide public education and outreach
- Promote a stable, safe, and healthy relationships between parents and children by participating in community efforts to strengthen families, promote healthy marriage and responsible parenthood.



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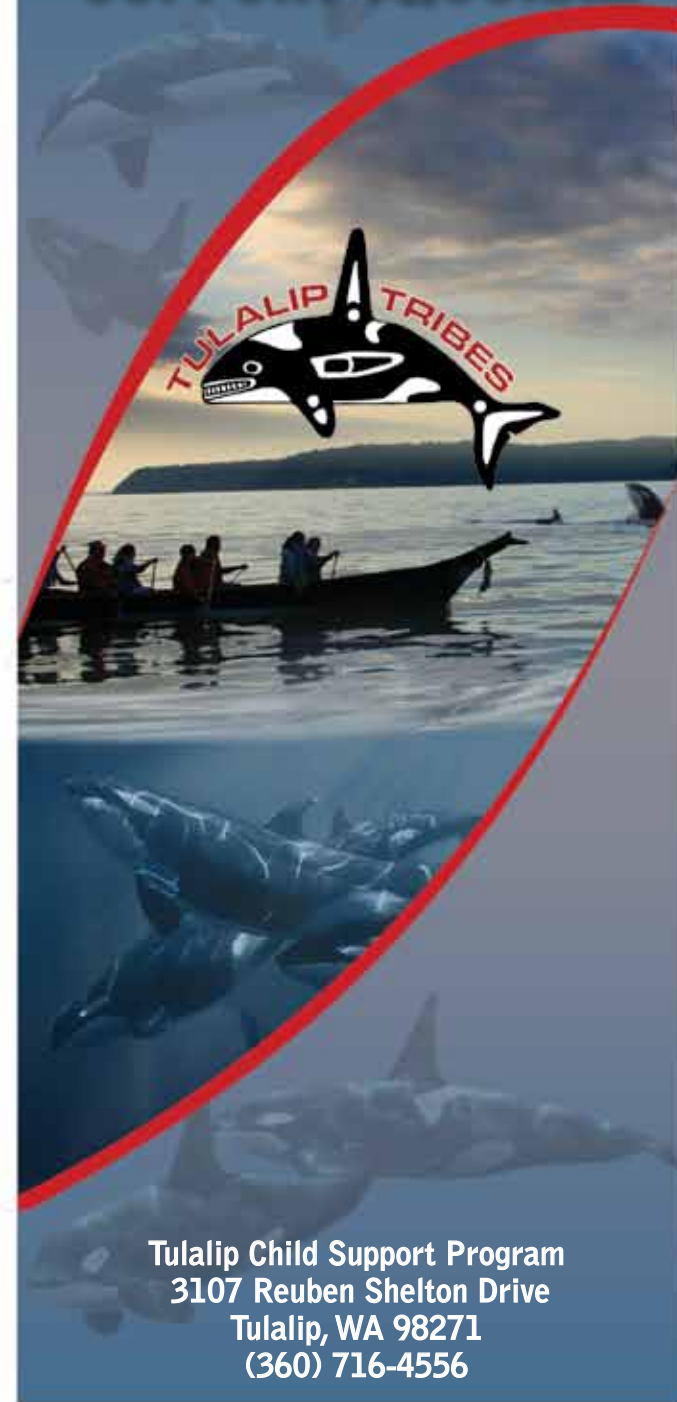
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# CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM



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## General Information

Indian children are the most valued resources of the Tulalip Tribes and constitute the future of the Tribes. The purpose of the Tulalip Child Support Program (TCSP) is to enforce the child's right for support (financial, medical, emotional, and cultural) from both parents in order to raise the standard of living for Tribal children. Our program will work in collaboration with all agencies and departments to help meet the needs of the entire family.

The Tulalip Tribes is the 33rd Tribe in Indian Country to have a Tribal Child Support Program. Having our own child support program is another way Tulalip Board of Directors is expanding our sovereignty. The Tulalip Board of Directors has passed Child Support Ordinance 86, it is unique from any State, which allows us to operate a program that fits the needs of the Tulalip Community.

### **NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT: "What benefit is there for me as a non-custodial parent in Tulalip Child Support Program?"**

The support schedule is lower than the state schedule, and if payments can't be made in cash, it is possible to be paid in fish, or firewood or game.

### **CUSTODIAL PARENT : "What benefit is there for me as a custodial parent in Tulalip Child Support Program?"**

The child support in the State of Washington child support schedule is higher than the Tulalip schedule, but if you are not getting paid the child support, there is no benefit having a higher payment, because you are not likely to get it. If the child support is at a level based on the Tulalip economy, and child support is collected, you are much further ahead than with child support in the State.\*

**CHILDREN ARE EXPENSIVE TO RAISE:** Shoes, jeans, shirts, rent, gasoline, food are necessities for your children. It is only fair that if you have a child that you provide for their needs.

**PARENTING TIME:** Experience has shown that if children spend time with both parents their chances of growing up to be adults with fewer problems and issues. Again experience has shown that when parents are paying child support that they tend to want to spend time with their children.

\*Since Tulalip is a sovereign nation, we obtain wage assignments for Tribal payments.

**INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE:** The Tulalip Child Support Program is charged with making children our focus, therefore we are neutral in disputes between parents. We assist both custodial and non-custodial parents with information answering questions, gathering resources, and assistance with child support issues.

### **Child Support Checklist**

Stop by our office for:

- Application for services
- Financial
- Declaration
- Paternity
- Affidavits

### **Please Bring the following:**

It's okay if you don't have everything.

- Court order (s)
- Divorcee decree
- Parenting plan
- Restraining order
- Income information
- W-2's
- Tax returns
- Tribal IDs

