

Tulalip Child Support Program

Mission Statement:

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 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. This program will work in collaboration with all agencies and departments to help meet the needs of the entire family.



Guiding Principals

- Children are our highest priority
- Reliable child support is crucial for families striving for self-sufficiency.
- Stay consistent with Tulalip Culture and Traditions.
- 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.

Tulalip Tribes Child Support Program

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Basic information about Tulalip Child Support Program

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What is the Tulalip Child Support Program about?

Child support is something fairly new in Indian Country. Currently, there are only 14 Tribes in the United States that are operating their own child support program. In the last 6 years, those Tribal Child Support Programs have collected over 68 million dollars. 26 Tribes are in the start-up phase, which means they are creating a child support program unique to their Tribe. 19 of those Tribes anticipate opening their offices in 2008. Tulalip anticipates being able to take cases in early 2009.

FAQ

Please note these are generic questions people ask. Individual cases are unique. To get answers specific to your case, please contact Washington State Child Support or Tulalip Child Support Enforcement.

How is a child support case established? I never opened a case.

If you ever received Medical or State TANF or Tribal TANF, the case manager of that department automatically opens a child support case.

I am a Tribal Member, do I have to go through the state to request child support?

No, Tribal members or parents of Tribal members can go to Tulalip Tribal Court to establish and enforce child support. Forms are available at Tulalip Tribal Court.

I want to establish a child support order, what do I do? What paperwork do I need?

If you choose to go through Washington State. You can find information online at: <http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/dcs/> or contact the State. They will talk to you about the process and what paperwork you need.

**Contact information
Washington State Child Support Office**
Call the child support office at 425-438-4888 or 1-800-729-7580 ext 4888.

You can also go online at <http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/dcs/> to find helpful information.
DCS (Division of Child Support)
PO Box 11520
Tacoma, WA 98411

If you choose to go through Tulalip Tribal Court Contact Information:

Tulalip Tribal Court
6103 31st Ave. N.E.
Tulalip, WA 98271
Phone: 360.651.4049

Child Support can be confusing and often an emotional event for all parties involved. Although we are not currently taking cases, we are working with Washington State Child Support to address the unique needs of our community! Feel free to contact us. Cara Althoff -Child Support Director 360.716.4556

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We are located at the Language Department Building (Old Health Clinic)

<http://www.tulaliptribes-nsn.gov/Home/Government/Departments/ChildSupportEnforcement.aspx>