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Maintenance & Care for a Child

When it comes to child support, whose responsibility is it? Is it the grand parents? The State? The Tribe? Is it TANF or any public assistance? The answer is simple, it's YOU the parent. You are solely responsible in taking care of your children emotionally, physically and financially.

Child Support is to cover the "***maintenance and care for the child***", which means it needs to cover shelter, food, clothing, lights, transportation, etc. In 2012, the government released a report that found that middle income families who had a child born in 2012 will cost \$235,000 to raise from birth to the age of 17. This year in 2013, the cost of raising a child will be \$250,000 and that doesn't even include college expenses. Housing is one of the largest expense averaging about \$70,500 annually or 30% of total income. The second largest expense will be child care, averaging \$12,000 annually. Plus the costs of diapers, formula, baby food, clothes, toys, activities and trips to the doctor.

These figures can be overwhelming for a single parent. That is why it is very important that non-custodial parents pay their child support. The cost of child support is a fraction of what it would cost in raising a child alone. If your child needs a little bit more to buy basketball shoes or ballet lessons, consider buying them. Your child deserves the best care and to be given every opportunity. Withholding child support as a way to punish the other parent only hurts your kids.

Make one of your new year resolutions to be the best supportive parent you can be and ensure that your children are receiving the financial support that they deserve. So as Oprah Winfrey says, "Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right."

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CSEP Application and Intake Process

INTAKE & REVIEW. Verify information to determine what services CSEP can provide for the CP and NCP to manage their child support case.

1. Verify Jurisdiction
2. Locate Absent Parent
3. Employment Verification
4. Enrollment Verification
5. Paternity Establishment (if needed)



ACCEPTANCE. If case is in Tribal jurisdiction, the application becomes an active case.

ESTABLISH SUPPORT.

1. Case worker will submit court prep form to the CSEP Prosecuting Attorney.
2. Prosecuting Attorney will submit legal court documents to Tribal Court. Hearing set within 21 days.
3. Court date is set for child support hearing:
4. If new case, a hearing is scheduled and child support amount set by court
5. If case is being inter-stated by another agency, the case will be bifurcated to accept a foreign judgment for enforcement.

PAYMENT REMEDIES.

1. Payment is received: payment process begins, see below.
2. Payment is not received: Prosecuting Attorney submits court documents to set an order to show cause (OTSC) hearing and get an Income Withholding Order (IWO).
 - If NCP is working, the IWO will be sent to the NCPs place of employment for garnishment.
 - If NCP is not working, the Case Worker will work with NCP on debt management but arrears will continue to accrual until paid in full.

CSEP Payment Process

1. Payment received from individual, agency or employer.
2. CSEP receipts in payment. A requisition is filled out, payment rec'd form and director's signature is required.
3. Copies are made and then original forms are sent with payment to Finance Department. (Steps 1-3 are done within 1 day)
4. Finance processes child support payments then cuts us a check on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. (Depending on what day and time finance receives payment; it will take between 1-2 days to process.)
5. Once we received payments back from finance on the days above, CSEP disburse out that day to either the individual or agency. (Step 5 is done within 1 day)

Please Note:

- * If checks are disbursed to an individual, please allow 2-3 business days after step 1.
- * If checks are disbursed to the State, please allow 5-7 business days after step 1.

Healthy Relationships & Engagement of Fathers

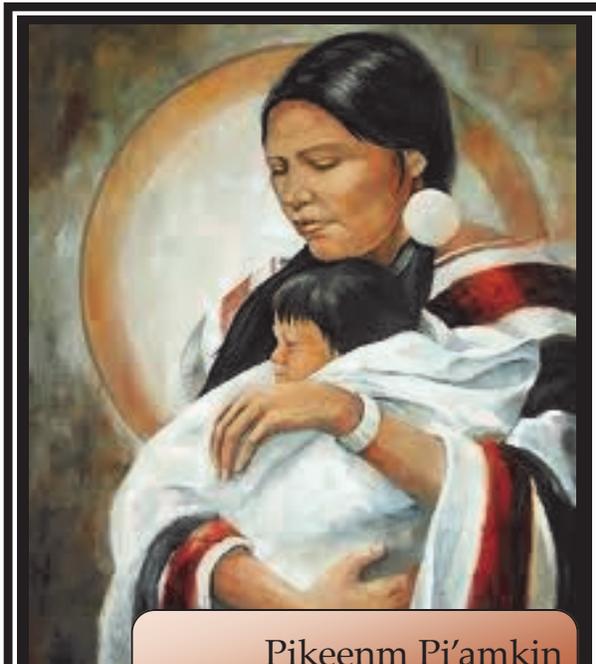
Do you want a better relationship with your children? Do you want to stop the fighting, bickering and animosity between you and your children’s mother? Do you want to feel better about yourself?

If you said yes to any of these questions, then CSEP has fatherhood programs that can help you. CSEP is offering the 24/7 Dad program beginning January 15, 2013. The program was developed by a team of fathering experts and

practitioners. They created it so that it benefits every father no matter what culture, race, religion or background they come from. This curriculum helps men with fathering skills; to learn about themselves and the role they have with their children and family. Fathers will learn how to develop good relations with the mother of their children or strengthen their relationship with their significant other. Fathers will learn about themselves and how to better care for their children.

In the last evaluation for 24/7 Dad, fathers talked about how they would miss the sessions. One father said, “I’m going to miss coming here every week. When I’m here, I don’t hurt as much. I’m more patient with my kids and I’m getting along better with my kids mom and grandma.” This father used the tools he learned in the sessions and as a result, he gained more access to his children. 24/7 Dad does work!

We welcome fathers to attend the 24/7 Dad program. Come on in and see what it’s all about. Space is limited so call CSEP right away to reserve your spot. Contact Janice Ellenwood at 843-7362 to reserve your spot today!



Pikeenm Pi’amkin
“Gathering of Mothers”

Pikeenm Pi’amkin is a mothers support group that has been created to give mothers the opportunity to discuss issues about healthy relationships, financial literacy, domestic violence and to learn how to heal by doing positive affirmations and thinking. Contact Janice Ellenwood, Outreach Specialist, for more information. Call 208-843-7362.



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Among the Nimiipuu, children are seen as gifts from the Creator. They represent the future of the tribe and a link to the values of our culture. Each child is the center of a circle with deep relationships to his biological parents, his blood relatives and his fellow tribal members. Adults must put the children first to ensure they are properly nurtured and developed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

24/7 Dad, 12 week program 	January 15, 2013
Martin Luther King Jr. Day Tribal Offices Closed 	January 21, 2013
Pikeenm Pi'amkin "Gathering of Mothers" 	February 2013 TBD
Valentine's Day  	February 14, 2013
President's Day Tribal Offices Closed 	February 18, 2013
Deadline to file a claim form for the Trust Administration Class (Cobell v. Salazar) Visit www.IndianTrust.com or call 800-961-6109 for more information	March 1, 2013
Indoor Yard Sale & Craft Show—PiNeeWaus 	March 9, 2013
Daylight Savings 	March 10, 2013
St. Patrick's Day 	March 17, 2013
Easter 	March 31, 2013



2012 CHRISTMAS

CSEP celebrated the season with an "Ugly Christmas Sweater" party.

Front Row, L-R: Crescentia Hills and Lana Rickman. Back Row, L-R: Janice Ellenwood, Hattie Brown and Tom Williamson