

Owens Valley Career Development Center Tribal TANF Program Overview



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Mission Statement

- Owens Valley Career Development Center is a consortium of Sovereign Nations advancing quality of life for Native people through education and self-sufficiency, protecting, preserving, and promoting our cultures through nation building, today and tomorrow..

OVDCDC

- Tribal organization started in 1977 based in Bishop, CA
- Governed by the Owens Valley Board of Trustees consisting of:
 - 5 member Bishop Tribal Council
 - 1 member Big Pine Tribe
 - 1 member Lone Pine Tribe
- History of providing adult, vocational education, family literacy services in the Owens Valley
- Began TANF services in 2001 in Inyo County

TRIBAL TANF

- Created in Landmark Welfare Reform Legislation of 1996 to fix a broken system
- Allowed Tribes or Tribal Organizations to administer their own TANF programs specific to local tribal and Native American needs

Accountability

- Federal
 - Work participation rates
 - Single Audit Act
- State
 - Must meet Federal requirements
- Tribes
 - OVBT
 - Tribal Councils
 - TANF Advisory Committee
 - Community

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- #1-To provide assistance to needy families so that their children may be cared for in their own homes.- Cash Aid Families
- #2-To end the dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work and marriage.- Cash Aid Families
- #3-To prevent and reduce out-of-wedlock pregnancies.- Prevention Families
- #-4-To encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.- Prevention Families

Service Delivery Principles

- A system of independence not dependence
- A system of empowerment not one of enabling
- A system that demands personal responsibility and accountability
- A system that is client and community centered

Core Components

- Cash Assistance Program- Monthly cash assistance; Supportive Services; performance incentives; Post employment retention services
- Prevention Program – Coordinate and fund activities for needy families focusing on traditional/cultural activities, art, music sports, recreation, employment, and education

Cash Aid Key Provisions

- 5 year lifetime limit for employable adults
- 24 hours a week in work related activities

Cash Aid Eligibility Requirements

- Countable resources not to exceed \$2,000
- Provide verification of Tribal enrollment
- Cooperate with child support enforcement
- Provide social security cards and birth records for all members of the household.
- Provide immunization records and school attendance for all children in household.
- Complete a family self-sufficiency plan.
- Submit completed monthly report
- Income not to exceed Maximum Aid Payments for family size
- Mandatory post eligibility drug test

Cash Aid Approved Work Activities

- Employment
- Work experience
- On-the-job training
- Job club/Job Search
- Community service placement
- Post-secondary education
- Vocational education
- Skills training directly related to employment
- Domestic violence programs
- Substance abuse programs
- Mental health programs
- Vocational rehabilitation
- High school diploma
- GED program
- Life Skills programs
- Cultural related education and training programs
- Small business/microenterprise programs
- Other
- Services provided by community organizations via referral

Cash Aid Supportive Services/ Performance Incentives

include but are not limited to:

- Professional development
- Transportation
- Vehicle repairs
- Registration fees
- Clothing allowance
- Grooming needs
- Tools, uniforms and footwear
- Food and meal assistance
- Housing and utilities
- Professional licensing fees
- Incentives for “C” average or above for children
- Incentives for parents that marry
- Incentives for workshop participants
- Incentives for successful completion of HS diploma/GED
- Incentives for successful completion of AA/BA degree

Appeal Rights

- 10 day timely notice requirements
- Appeal rights if disagree with case action

Aid Payment Levels

Assistance Unit Size	Maximum Aid Payment- Exempt Disabled-Caretaker Relative	Maximum Aid Payment-Non-Exempt
1	\$369	\$332
2	\$607	\$542
3	\$752	\$676
4	\$893	\$801
5	\$1,019	\$911
6	\$1,144	\$1,023
7	\$1,257	\$1,122
8	\$1,369	\$1,224
9	\$1,481	\$1,323
10	\$1,589	\$1,42

Work Participation Rates

- FFY 2004
 - Requirement-30%
 - Avg Rate- 58.7%

- FFY 2005
 - Requirement-30%
 - Avg Rate- 63.2

Tribal TANF Prevention

This unique program focuses on the provision or funding of service activities to prevent negative outcomes. All projects must have a Native American cultural component and meet at least one of the following purposes of TANF:

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TANF Prevention Program

- A key component of OVCDC's Tribal TANF program
- TANF funding is based on services provided and the administrative costs to provide the direct service
- Focuses on providing and funding services for individual, family and community needs to assist in future generations of Native Americans to achieve self-sufficiency
- Early intervention to learning, behavior and emotional issues lead to better outcomes
- Services provided by staff and/or community organizations/independent contractors

Service Population

- Reside in service area and meet one or both of the following
 - Income not to exceed 300% of the Federal Poverty Level
 - Meet the “At Risk Youth” definition
 - Living in high crime rate areas
 - Living on or near reservation or rancheria lands
 - Previously involved in juvenile justice system
 - Living in unstable school districts
 - Being a member of a low-income family
 - Having low academic skills
 - Having parents who are not high school graduates
 - Being single-parent children
 - Living with a caretaker relative
 - Having low self-esteem

300% of Federal Poverty Level Monthly Gross Income

Family Size	Monthly Gross Income	Annual Income
1	\$2,328	\$27,936
2	\$3,123	\$37,476
3	\$3,918	\$47,016
4	\$4,713	\$56,556
5	\$5,508	\$66,096
6	\$6,303	\$75,636
7	\$7,098	\$85,176
8	\$7,893	\$94,716

Tribal TANF Prevention Proposal Process

- Contact site Project Coordinator explain your idea for activity or event as soon as possible to perform eligibility and administrative actions – 90 days
- Fill out an project application for funding. The following is needed to complete the application:
 - Why is the assistance needed?
 - Type of Funding Requested
 - Amount of Funding Requested
 - Description of the service activity and target population-Must Meet a TANF Purpose
 - Must provide TANF Purpose Service #3 and/or #4
 - Must have a Native American Cultural Component
 - Cost must be reasonable and necessary to provide the service
 - Location and time/date of event or activity
 - Project Budget: Itemized list of all expenses, including funding obtained from other sources
 - Project providers are independent contractors subject to IRS requirements for compensation

Tribal TANF Approved Proposal Requirements

The following must be submitted 10 days following the event or activity:

- Photos of the event
- An acknowledgement letter describing the outcome of the event or activity
- Completion of required reporting (Proof of attendance, data reports, other)
- Full accounting of all expenditures including receipts
- OVCD Tribal TANF will not assist in the future with individuals that do not adhere to these guidelines

Office Locations

■ Inyo County

- Bishop
- Big Pine
- Lone Pine
 - **New Office Location**
 - **705 Goodwin Road**

■ Kern County

- Bakersfield
- Lake Isabella
- Ridgecrest

■ Tulare County

- Porterville
- Tule River
- Visalia

■ Fresno County

- Fresno
- Big Sandy
- Cold Springs

■ Kings County

- Santa Rosa
- Hanford

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Thanks- Q & A