



**TANF PROGRAM
PROGRAM FACT SHEET
AUGUST 2007**

- Service Area
 - Inyo, Kern, Tulare, Kings and Fresno Counties
- Program Components
 - Cash Aid
 - Prevention
- The Four Purposes of TANF
 - Purpose #1- To provide assistance to needy families so that their children may be cared for in their own homes-Cash Aid
 - Purpose #2 - To end the dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work, and marriage-Cash Aid
 - Purpose #3-To prevent and reduce out-of-wedlock pregnancies- Prevention
 - Purpose #4- To encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families-Prevention
- Tribal TANF Cash Aid Program Key Elements
 - Eligibility limited to families
 - Time Limits - 60 months in a lifetime limit for employable adults
 - Program focuses on work, self-sufficiency and personal responsibility
 - Member or Descendent of a Federally recognized tribe or California Indian Judgment rolls
- Cash Aid Eligibility Requirements
 - Income – Equal to or less than 200% of the Federal Poverty level
 - Resources – Countable resources not to exceed \$2,000.00
 - Adults able to work, must satisfactorily participate in approved work activities for a minimum 24 hours per week
 - Approved Work Activities include, but not limited to:
 - Employment
 - Work experience
 - On-the-Job training
 - Job club/Job search
 - Community service training
 - Post-secondary education
 - Vocational education
 - Job skills training directly related to employment
 - Education directly related to employment
 - Domestic violence, substance abuse and mental health counseling/treatment
 - Vocation rehabilitation
 - Small business/micro enterprise training
 - Life skills training
 - Native American culture related education and training activities
- Services Provided:
 - Cash assistance
 - Referrals to employment, education and training providers
 - Supportive Services – Child Care, transportation, other
 - Incentive Payments - Clothing allowances for school children attending school, payments upon successful completion of activities; other
- Prevention Program
 - Coordination and/or funding for services/activities for families and children who are at risk of being on public assistance focusing on traditional culture, art, education, culture, recreation, music and sport
 - Eligibility Criteria
 - Income less than 300% of Federal Poverty Levels
 - At-Risk Youth
 - Completion funding request/proposal forms 90 days in advance of service activity.
 - Service Activity must meet TANF purposes #3 or #4
 - Service activity must include a Native American cultural component