

### **DHS Agreements with North Dakota Tribes**

**Child Support:** Memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Three Affiliated Tribes and with Standing Rock Sioux Tribe for cooperative operation of the state and tribal child support programs, including submission of tribal cases for federal income tax refund offset.

**Medicaid:** Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa are in the process of enrolling as Medicaid providers so community health representatives will be able to provide targeted case management on the reservations. For Medicaid to reimburse targeted case management for non-social workers, there are specific criteria for education and supervision which are defined in a 2011 State Plan Amendment. A number of other tribal entities are also enrolled as Medicaid Providers for various services.

**North Central Human Service Center:** Two contracts with the Three Affiliated Tribes. One contract is to pay for part of Licensed Addiction Counselor Position at the Parshall Resource Center; the other is to provide funding for the Parshall Resource Center.

**Vocational Rehabilitation:** MOU with each tribal vocational rehabilitation program in the state: one each for Turtle Mountain, Three Affiliated Tribes, Standing Rock, and Spirit Lake. The MOU sets standards for the state to cooperate in service delivery to individuals with disabilities served by the Tribe. The MOUs with Vocational Rehabilitation are a federal requirement for a tribe to be awarded a federal tribal vocational rehabilitation grant.

#### **Economic Assistance:**

- a. Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) tribal NEW (Native Employment Works) Agencies MOUs: Sioux County Tribal NEW, Spirit Lake Tribal NEW, Turtle Mountain Tribal NEW, and Three Affiliated Tribes Tribal NEW. These agreements are to send TANF adult Native American's pursuing post-secondary studies to Tribal NEW rather than the State's JOBS (Job Opportunities and Basic Skills) Program so they may continue education beyond the 12-month TANF federal limitation for education. This is allowable under federal TANF law.
- b. MOU with Turtle Mountain Community College (TMCC) Project CHOICE (Choosing Health Opportunities for Indian Career Enhancement) – a Health Professions Opportunity Grant. TMCC and ND DHS to recruit and train TANF recipients and other low-income individuals living in Rolette County for healthcare careers consistent with the goals of the ND DHS.
- c. MOU with Cankdeska Cikana Community College to address coordination and collaboration in the provision of services relating to "Next Steps" – An Empowerment Model for Native People Entering the Health Professions grant. Next Steps will provide Native American people who receive TANF and are low-income, with the opportunity to obtain education and training for occupations in the healthcare field.

- d. TANF contracts with Tribal Employment and Training (Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa) for JOBS clients residing in Rolette County.

**Lake Region Human Service Center:** Has substance abuse contracts with both tribes in its region. With Spirit Lake, LRHSC provides funding for one full-time addiction counselor with the Spirit Lake Recovery and Wellness Program. With the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, LRHSC funds .25 of an FTE for an addiction counselor and a full-time residential tech for the Fifth Generation substance abuse residential program.

**West Central Human Service Center:** MOU with Standing Rock through which WCHSC provides a therapist 8 hours / week to provide therapy to youth and adults through the clinic at Ft. Yates.

**Aging Services:** Two cooperative agreements used by vulnerable adult protective services staff in Region III – to allow for the cooperation operation of the Adult Protection Services Program within the boundaries of the two reservations: Turtle Mountain and Spirit Lake.

**Developmental Disabilities:** Standing Rock Early Intervention Purchase of Service Agreement with an addendum to provide Infant Development. There is also a Medicaid Provider Agreement (see note of others referenced above under **Medicaid**).

**Behavioral Health Division** (formerly the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Division): Has two contracts with each of the 4 tribes for substance abuse prevention. The BHD provides funding, but the programs are locally supervised, developed, and implemented. The BHD provides training, technical assistance, and contract oversight.

**Children and Family Services Division:** IV-E agreements with all four tribes to allow the tribes to access to federal foster care funds. Also have MOUs with all four tribes for family preservation services (pursuant to legislative appropriation).