



TRIBAL TANF

Website: <http://tribaltanf.cdss.ca.gov>

CDSS ORGANIZATION

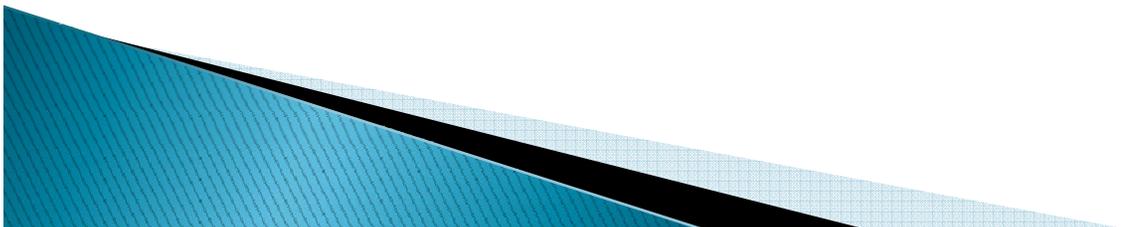
Why is Tribal TANF a Special Program in the WtW 101 Academy?

Welfare to Work Division

Employment and Eligibility Branch

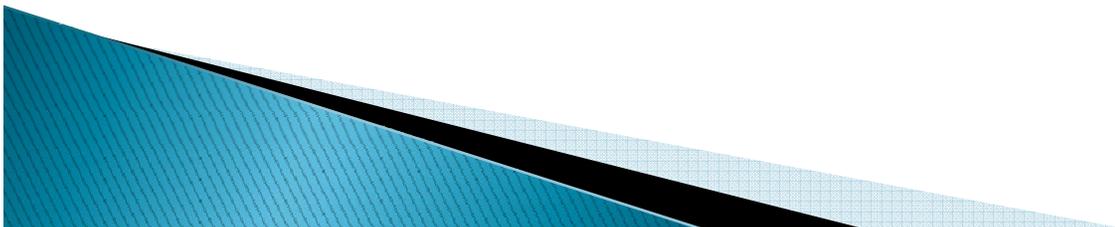
CalWORKs Eligibility Bureau

Tribal TANF Unit



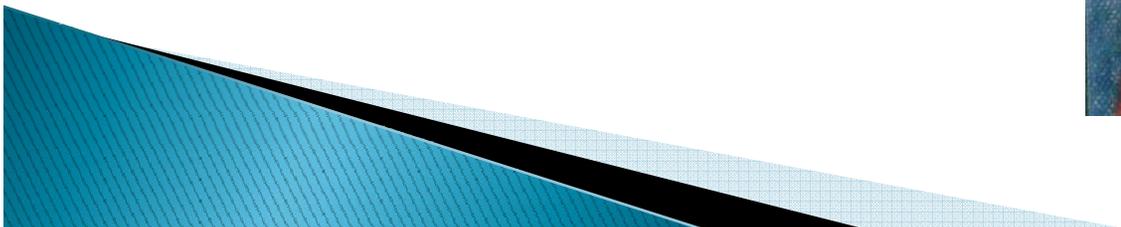
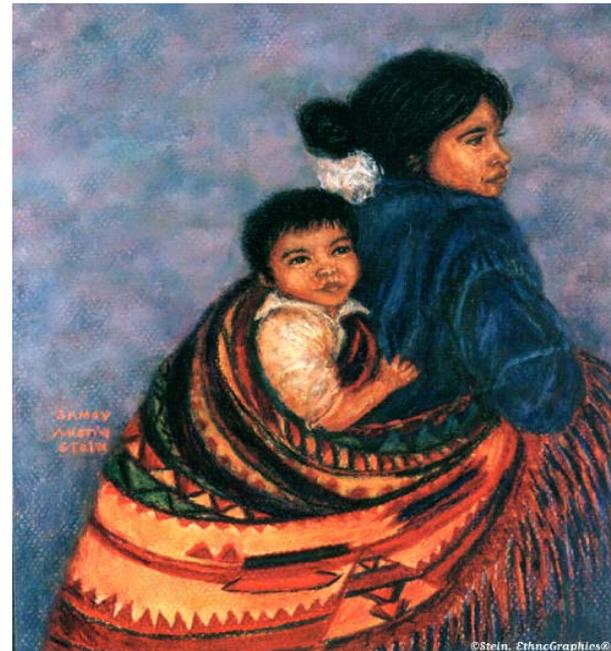
WHY IS THERE TRIBAL TANF?

The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity and Reconciliation Act of 1996 provided funding to federally recognized tribes to administer their own TANF program



WHAT IS TRIBAL TANF?

- ▶ Tribal TANF is: cash aid grants, welfare to work services, and administration for Native Americans.

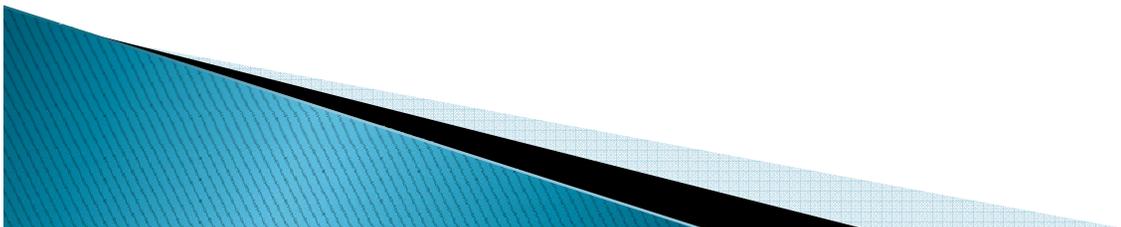


How does Tribal TANF differ from CalWORKs?

- ▶ Strengthening families in culturally relevant ways
- ▶ Tribal TANF Programs given latitude to determine income and resource limits, grant levels, and welfare to work activities

Note:

- CalFresh and Medi-Cal remain with CWD
- Native American client has choice between CalWORKs or Tribal TANF (where available)



WHERE IS IT?

California Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) as of July 1, 2011



Tribal TANF Website:
<http://tribaltanf.dss.ca.gov>

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
CalWORKs Eligibility Bureau
Tribal TANF Unit
744 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95834
Telephone: (916) 454-0222
Fax: (916) 454-1040

No Approved Program Calaveras, Mono, Monterey, Napa, Orange, San Benito, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Shasta, Sierra, Stanislaus, Tehama, Tuolumne, Ventura, Yolo.

*Distinctive Service Populations Within the Same County.

TRIBAL TANF'S INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONSHIPS

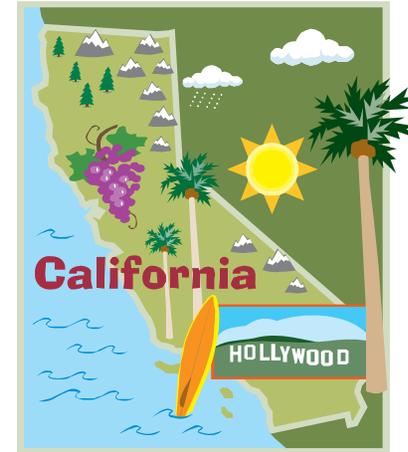
- ▶ Tribal governments – Sovereignty–Chairperson; Council(s); Tribal Administrators/Executive Directors;
- ▶ Federal government – ACF Plan; provide direct funding, oversight
- ▶ State government – CDSS: Funding, MOU, oversight
- ▶ County government(s) – MOU; common clients



How Much is Tribal TANF Funding?

- ▶ Total: \$143 million in CA
- ▶ State \$ 69 million
- ▶ Federal \$ 74 million

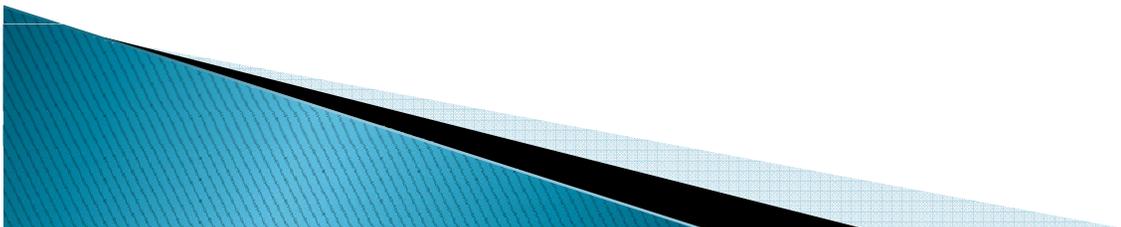
18,000 cases funded



- ❖ 40% of the nation's Tribal TANF dollars
- ❖ Most number of Tribal TANF programs than any other state (16 of 64 in the nation – 25% of the number)
- ❖ One of 16 states supplementing federal funding of Tribal TANF

TRIBAL TANF UNIT ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Determine funding levels and administer MOUs
 - New: start-up
 - Changes: withdrawals; expansions
- ▶ Analyze, consult, provide technical assistance on program issues
 - Website
 - Primer
- ▶ Review Tribal TANF program elements: fiscal matters, audits, corrective actions, caseload data



Conclusion



- ▶ California's prominence in Tribal TANF programs
- ▶ Success stories from programs

Tribal TANF is a significant and viable alternative to CalWORKs for serving needy Native American families in a sovereign, culturally relevant way

Website: <http://tribaltanf.cdss.ca.gov>

