



Tribal TANF Programs

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This NEWS FLASH is being issued to remind staff of the importance of identifying Tribal members that are potentially eligible to receive Tribal TANF benefits from one of the Tribal TANF Programs in Arizona.

Federal law allows tribal governments the opportunity to develop, establish and administer their own TANF programs. Tribes are given the authority to apply directly to the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in order to carry out this process.

Each Tribe must submit a Tribal TANF plan to HHS. These plans outline their programs policies and rules, as well as the population they intend to serve and their Service Delivery Area (SDA).

The following is a brief look at the Tribal TANF Programs that are in effect in Arizona:

- Hopi Family Assistance Program (HFAP)
 - Eligibility for HFAP is limited to budgetary units that include at least one enrolled Hopi tribal member and reside within the Hopi SDA.
 - The Hopi SDA includes the Hopi Reservation, the Hopi partitioned lands, and the Winslow Housing Tract.
 - These participants must comply with the HFAP employment program prior to TANF determinations.
 - Determinations for HFAP are accepted and processed by FAA.
- Pascua Yaqui Yoemem Organization for Employment and Member Enhancement (PY-YOEME)
 - Eligibility for PY-YOEME when the budgetary unit lives on the PY Indian Reservation is limited to budgetary units that include at least one enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian Tribe.
 - Eligibility for PY-YOEME when the budgetary unit lives in Maricopa, Pima, or Pinal County, is limited to budgetary units that include at least one enrolled PY Tribal member.
 - These participants must comply with the PY-YOEME services prior to TANF determinations.
 - Determinations for PY-YOEME are accepted and processed by FAA.
- San Carlos Apache Nnee Bich' o Nii TANF (SC-TANF)
 - Eligibility for SC-TANF is limited to budgetary units that reside within the SC-TANF SDA.
 - The San Carlos SDA includes all areas within the boundaries of the San Carlos Apache Tribe Reservation.



- o These participants must comply with the Nnee Bich' o Nii employment program prior to TANF determinations.
- o Determinations for SC-TANF are accepted and processed by FAA.
- Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community Life Enhancements and Resource Network (SRP-MIC LEARN)
 - o Eligibility for SRP-MIC LEARN is limited to budgetary units that include at least one enrolled Salt River community member and reside within the Salt River SDA.
 - o The Salt River SDA includes all areas of the Salt River Indian Reservation.
 - o Determinations for SRP-MIC LEARN eligibility are accepted and processed by LEARN eligibility staff.
- Navajo Nation Program for Self Reliance (NNPSR)
 - o Eligibility for NNPSR is limited to budgetary units that live on the Navajo Reservation, or within the city limits of a designated near-Reservation community and the PI has a Navajo census number.
 - o Determinations for NNPSR eligibility are accepted and processed by NNPSR staff.
- White Mountain Apache Tribe TANF (WMAT-TANF)
 - o Eligibility for WMAT-TANF is limited to budgetary units that include at least one child who is an enrolled WMAT Tribal member and reside within the WMAT SDA.
 - o The White Mountain Apache SDA includes all areas of the Fort Apache Indian Reservation.
 - o Determinations for WMAT-TANF eligibility are accepted and processed at the WMAT-TANF staff.

Customers may not choose to receive State CA benefits when Tribal TANF eligibility criteria are met. When receiving Tribal TANF assistance, participants may not receive assistance from the State CA Program or other Tribal TANF Programs.

Eligibility factors not listed in the specific Tribal TANF policy remain the same as State CA eligibility factors.

For more information on Tribal TANF Programs, see FAA6.J02 in the FAA Policy Manual (Index: Tribal cash assistance).

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