



THE NAVAJO NATION
DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES
DEPARTMENT FOR SELF RELIANCE

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REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Thank you for your interest in the Department for Self Reliance's Public Comment Period.

To receive its funding, the DSR must prepare and submit a Tribal Family Assistance Plan (TFAP) to the U.S Department of Health and Human Services every three years.

The TFAP describes how the Navajo Nation Department for Self Reliance (DSR) proposes to operate its Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, including the population and area to be served, the services to be provided, and the means by which the services will be delivered.

The DSR is required to obtain comments/recommendations from customers and stakeholders in regards to the proposed changes to the TFAP.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the DSR will not be holding any public hearings. Instead, the draft amended TANF Plan and a Comment Form is available to the public at the following websites:

1. Navajo Nation, <http://www.navajo-nsn.gov/>
2. Navajo Division of Social Services, <http://www.nndss.navajo-nsn.gov/>
3. Department for Self Reliance, <http://www.nndsr.navajo-nsn.gov/>

All community members are invited to participate in this important public comment period.

For more information, please contact: DSR Support Services toll-free at (866) 347-2403; by fax at (928) 810-88557, or by email at info@nntanf.org.

The DSR is accepting written comments through May 7, 2021.

Comment Form for proposed changes to TFAP 2021-2024. Comments due May 7, 2021

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Please check one: Current DSR Customer Former DSR Customer
 Non-DSR Customer Program Representative for: _____

Community you live in? _____ Your age? _____

Internet connection (check those that apply)?

- At home. Who is your provider? _____
- Cell phone. Who is your provider? _____

The Department for Self Reliance (DSR) is requesting comment(s) on the following proposed changes:

1. The DSR will offer subsidized work experience or extended training for youth members in a DSR Benefit Group and 14-18 years of age. The employment program or training program will be offered for 4-6 weeks and will provide job preparation, work experience, and exposure to various career fields for the youth.

I agree, because _____

I do not agree, because _____

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2. Educational and Employment incentives for youth extended training and school clothing and/or supplies.

Subject to availability of funds, incentives shall be provided to encourage and motivate Benefit Group members to succeed in their education and long-term employment. Incentives may include, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Education Related Incentives
 - a. Enrichment
 - b. Educational Learning
 - c. Youth Extended Training
 - d. School clothing and supplies
2. Employment Related Incentives (e.g. Work Experience Stipend)

I agree, because _____

I do not agree, because _____

3. In the event of a State of Emergency or a Public Health Emergency Declaration, the DSR reserves the right to waive or modify eligibility requirements for TANF assistance. There must also be a Presidential declaration of an emergency or disaster in order to exercise this authority.

I agree, because _____

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4. Adults who receive Diversion shall be ineligible to apply for DSR assistance for a period of three (3) months from the date of closure.

Subject to availability of funds, a once-in-a-lifetime Diversion benefit may be provided as an alternative to monthly assistance to eligible families who are not “needy” (as defined in this plan), but are at risk of becoming dependent on public assistance due to a barrier that:

1. Is prohibiting a custodial parent from accepting a bona fide offer of long-term, sustainable employment,
2. Is putting a custodial parent’s continued employment at risk, or
3. Resulted in a custodial parent losing their full-time employment and the parent will be re-employed with the removal of the barrier.

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5. Income earned from Subsidized Adult Employment will be 100% disregarded.

The DSR will offer subsidized work experience for adult members in a DSR Benefit Group. The employment program will provide job preparation, work experience, exposure to various career fields, and potential long-term, sustainable employment. The Adult will be hired by a third-party employer and will be paid at least minimum wage. Subsidized income earned will be 100% disregarded. The DSR will reimburse the employer up to 100% of the wages, benefits, and training costs, and an administrative cost of up to 10% for supervision and other related expenses.

I agree, because _____

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**Thank you for your participation in the Department for Self Reliance's
 Public Comment Period for the Navajo Nation's Tribal Family Assistance Plan.**

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**If you have any questions or need further clarification,
please contact the nearest DSR Office.**

1. Chinle, Arizona (928) 674-8194
2. Crownpoint, New Mexico (505) 786-2384/2385
3. Gallup, New Mexico (505) 722-8415
4. Greasewood, Arizona (928) 654-3910
5. Kayenta, Arizona (928) 697-3218
6. Farmington, New Mexico (505) 278-8190
7. Window Rock, Arizona (928) 810-8553
8. Tuba City, Arizona (928) 283-6613/4208
9. Administration (928) 810-8592 or (866) 347-2403

Please return your comments to a DSR Office by:

MAIL:

Department for Self Reliance
ATTENTION: Public Comments
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EMAIL:

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SUBJECT: Public Comments

All comments must be received by the DSR Program by:

May 7, 2021.

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