

Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families



**Priority Issues in Tribal Communities'
Health and Well-being**



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COVID – 19 RESOURCES

- On March 24, 2020 OFA published a program instruction [TANF-ACF-PI-2020-01](#) with questions and answers about TANF and COVID-19. The program instruction was written for both states and tribes in order to summarize the flexibilities in the TANF program to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.





Amendment Process

- Seek preliminary approval from ACF by sending an e-mail to your regional point of contact.
- ACF will provide preliminary approval in a reply e-mail, if appropriate.
- ACF will grant retroactive approval of the plan amendment for any changes that received preliminary approval.
- For 477 tribes, contact your BIA Awarding Official Technical Representative (AOTR).





Work Participation Requirements

- While ACF has no authority to waive the work participation rate requirement itself, it does have authority to grant relief from the resulting penalty in the face of natural disasters and other calamities. ACF will exercise this authority to the maximum extent possible.





COVID – 19 RESOURCES

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- On July 22, 2020 OFA published a program instruction [TANF-ACF-PI-2020-02](#) with additional questions and answers about TANF and COVID-19. This program instruction was written specifically for tribes and addressed the requirements for providing non-recurring, short term (NRST) benefits to those in need as a result of COVID-19.





Time Limits

- If a tribe is nearing the 20 percent exemption or their negotiated rate, then the guidance OFA provided in its recent [program instruction](#) related to a work participation rate penalty would also apply in the event of a time limit penalty. By that, OFA means that it has authority to grant a reasonable cause exception to a penalty of a tribe's failure to comply with the maximum exemption rate to the time limit on federally funded assistance and will exercise this authority to the maximum extent possible.





Non-Recurring, Short-Term Benefits

- Tribes may define what a “needy family” is for NRST benefits.
- An NRST benefit (1) is designed to deal with a specific crisis situation or episode of need; (2) is not intended to meet recurrent or ongoing needs; and (3) will not extend beyond four months. 45 CFR 286.10(b).





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Missing or Murdered Native Americans

A Public Health Framework for Action

An Overview for Tribal TANF Grantees
December 9, 2020



WHAT IS THE ACF FRAMEWORK FOR MISSING AND MURDERED NATIVE AMERICANS?

- The United States faces a crisis that requires the attention of leaders at all levels of government in collaboration with Native American communities. The dramatic number of American Indians and Alaska Natives who have suffered from the tragedy of individuals going missing or being murdered is unacceptable.
- An Executive Order established the Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives on November 25, 2019.
- The Framework is ACF's contribution to the work of the Task Force.
- It will contribute to the coordination of HHS policies and programs to help Native Americans and their communities address this tragic problem.

HOW ARE ACF PROGRAMS CONNECTED TO THE FRAMEWORK?

- According to a 2016 report by DOJ's National Institute of Justice, Native American women and men across the life span continue to have the highest rates of victimization, with 84.3 percent of women and 81.6 percent of men experiencing violence in their lifetime.
- Factors that increase the susceptibility of individuals for being trafficked include those that contribute to social determinants of health, such as psychological or emotional vulnerability, economic instability, and lack of a safety net.

HOW IS TANF CONNECTED TO THE FRAMEWORK?

- TANF staff should be aware that the person they are serving has probably experienced violence at some point in their life.
- TANF funds may also be used for activities that are preventive in nature.



Q&A

Questions and Answers

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