

GAO's Study of Tribal TANF Programs

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Source of this Study:

GAO is conducting this study in response to a request from the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources. This is a follow-on study to a report GAO issued on July 5, 2002, entitled *Welfare Reform: Tribal TANF Allows Flexibility to Tailor Programs, but Conditions on Reservations Make it Difficult to Move Recipients into Jobs* (GAO-02-768). For more information on this report, please see <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-02-768>.

Preliminary Research Questions:

1. How have tribes tailored their TANF programs to meet their specific needs, and what are the challenges they have faced in administering their own programs?
2. How have tribal TANF programs changed since 2002, especially in light of changing economic conditions?
3. To what extent has the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services provided oversight and guidance to ensure the integrity and effectiveness of tribal TANF programs?

Agencies Involved in the Review:

- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs

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