

Language Required of All Tribal TANF Plans, effective 3/29/2010*

Eligibility as Related to the Purposes of TANF

Eligibility for TANF assistance and services is as established in the Tribe's approved TANF plan.

Only needy families, as defined in the TANF plan, may receive: (a) any form of Federally or State MOE funded "assistance" (as defined in 45 CFR 286.10); or (b) any benefits or services pursuant to TANF purposes 1 or 2, regardless of the purpose served. "Needy" means financially deprived, according to income and resource (if applicable) criteria established in the TANF plan by the Tribe to receive the particular "assistance," benefit or service.

The Tribe may use segregated Federal TANF funds to provide services (and related activities) that do not constitute "assistance" (as defined in 45 CFR 286.10) to individuals and family members who are not financially deprived but who need the kind of services that meet TANF purposes 3 or 4. Objective criteria will be established for participation in these programs.

Unless the State instructs otherwise, the Tribe may also use MOE funds to pay for non-assistance pro-family activities for individuals or family members, regardless of financial need.

*This language reflects changes made by the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. Existing plans may already have a similar passage, but must adopt the revised language for plan renewals following 3/29/2010