

CSEP MISSION STATEMENT

Among the NiMiiPuu, children are seen as a gift of the Creator. They represent the future of the Tribe and a link to the values of our culture. In our language, there is no word for orphan. Each child is the center of a circle with deep relationships to his biological parents, his blood relatives and his fellow tribal members. Adults must put the children first to ensure they are properly nurtured and developed. The ultimate goal of the Program is to protect the welfare of children on the Nez Perce reservation, through the establishment and enforcement of Child Support orders. By assuring financial support is provided for these children we believe the cycle of non-support will be broken and future generations of children will be provided by their parents without intervention.



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Child Support and Child Custody are NOT the same hearings. They are normally two separate hearings. However, your Child Custody may mention Child Support.

Child Custody can impact your Child Support Case. If there is a change in your Child Custody it is important that you notify your CSEP Case Manager immediately. Although Child Custody and Child Support Enforcement are under the Court System they each keep separate records to protect confidentiality of all parties.



Your Child Support Case should not impact your ability to visit your children, even if you are not paying your child support obligation.

If you are having difficulty visiting your child(ren) you will need to request a hearing through your Child Custody Case to set up visitation with your child(ren).



Child Support when there is DV

CSEP will not give identifying information out of the victim to the abuser, identifying information will be removed from the Court Records and all CSEP Records.

However, this has to be self reported by either parent. If not self reported your child support case will not be flagged as such. CSEP encourages victims of Domestic Violence to apply for Child Support Services and will work with the victim so that the victim will not have to see the abuser through the Court Process.

All payments will go from CSEP to the parent who has custody of the child(ren) without parents needing to communicate. If you fear for your safety please contact our office and we are more than willing to assist you in this process.

How Can Child Support Assist

You may utilize the CSEP Parent Computer and Phone kiosk to type or print Court Documents

You can meet or call your CSEP Case Manager when there is a change in child custody or you have questions about how child custody may impact your child support case



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