



Partnership Agreement



The Nabajo Nation New Mexico Child Support Enforcement Division Administration of Children and Families Office of Child Support Enforcement

The Nabajo Nation, the New Mexico Child Support Enforcement Division, and the Administration of Children and Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement in Region III are full and equal partners for the enforcement of child support on the Nabajo Nation. To enhance this partnership for the benefit of Nabajo children and families, the Nabajo Nation, the State of New Mexico Child Support Enforcement Division and the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement, Region III agree to achieve the following:

To promote the independence and well-being of the children and families who are customers and stakeholders of the New Mexico's Child Support Enforcement Division and the Nabajo Nation;

To increase the establishment of paternity and collection of child support for the Nabajo families;

To achieve the aspirations of Welfare Reform, Public Law 104-193 for the children and families of the Nabajo Nation; and

To help build coalitions between the Nabajo Nation, State of New Mexico, other States, and Federal entities, such as Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Headstart, Food and Consumer Services (FCS), Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Foster Care, and

The Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement Region III will help the Nabajo Nation and the State of New Mexico accomplish the above and agrees to provide the following assistance to the extent resources allow;

Collaborate with and provide technical assistance and training through on site visits, conferences (including electronic and telephonic) to the New Mexico Child Support Enforcement Division and to the Nabajo Nation.

Build coalitions with and provide technical assistance, training, testimony, interpretations and any other appropriate assistance to governors, legislators, judges, district attorneys, and other States, Federal and private entities, as needed by the State of New Mexico and the Nabajo Nation.

Promote partnering among the States, the Nabajo Nation and Office of Child Support Enforcement by providing current best practice data, encouraging participation in various work groups and other organizations devoted to improvement of the child support program for Native Americans.

Realizing that our joint efforts are essential to accomplish the above and improve the Child Support Enforcement Program for the Nabajo Nation, we commit ourselves to our best joint efforts.

Signed on this first day of May, nineteen hundred ninety-seven

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