

# Title IV-D Child Support Services Program

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**Child First means "All the work we do is for the child"**

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes IV-D Child Support Services Program is to foster family stability and community well-being by providing effective and timely child support services to meet the needs of Indian families.

### *Lynette Dixey, Program Manager Update*

The Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Title IV-D Child Support Services Program became comprehensive and opened doors for customers on October 2015. The Child Support Program currently has 145 open cases and has collected and distributed approximately \$140,600 to date.

The Child Support Program is one of over 60 tribal child support programs across the nation. The Program assists with location of custodial and non-custodial parents, establishment of paternity (legal fatherhood), establishes child support orders, enforcement of child support orders, modification of child support orders, collecting and distributing child support obligations, assisting with intergovernmental cases to and from other Tribal/State child support agencies and offers family-centered services and referrals.

The Program also monitor's child support cases. In order for the Child Support Program to assist, the Program will need an application for services. The Program does not automatically monitor the case if child support is granted in tribal court. The custodial or non-custodial parent will need to fill out an application for services. Main office number is 208-236-1068.

*This page is in honor of National Reentry Week which represents a call-to-action for all members of the private sector to improve their communities by eliminating barriers for people with criminal records and believing in providing second chances.*

## Children of Incarcerated Parents: The **IMPACT** of Incarceration

Over 50% of children who have an incarcerated parent are age 9 or younger. Over half of the 2.3 million people incarcerated in state and federal prisons are parents with children under the age of 18, including 1.1 million fathers and 120,000 mothers. Two-thirds of incarcerated parents are convicted of non-violent crimes. Long distances can separate children from their incarcerated parents. Men are housed in prisons an average of 100 miles away from their children while women are an average 160 miles away.

**7** % of all children under 18 - that is more than 5 million children – have lived with a parent who went to jail or prison.

During a father's incarceration, most children live with their mother while during a mother's incarceration, most children live with a grandparent.

Parental incarceration is recognized as an adverse childhood experience. It increases the risk of a child living in poverty or experiencing household instability,

*This information is taken from the article "Children of Incarcerated Parents: The Impact of Incarceration" and credit is given to the following [www.youth.gov/coip](http://www.youth.gov/coip).*

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

When a father is incarcerated his family's income falls 22%. After release, family income is 15% lower than it was the year before his incarceration. It can be incredibly challenging.

Many have lost touch with family and friends. Some face crippling debt from past-due child support and loans taken out prior to incarceration.



independent of any other factors present in that child's life.

In a recent survey of families impacted by incarceration, 2 in 3 families had difficulty meeting basic needs as a direct result of incarceration. 70% of these families had children under the age of 18. 64.2% of mothers and 46.5% of fathers lived with their children in the month before arrest or just prior to incarceration. Over half of incarcerated parents were the primary source of financial support for their children prior to incarceration.

## *Cost of Raising a Child*



The cost to raise a child from zero to eighteen is approximately \$233,610.00 according to the USDA U.S. Department of Agriculture. The average cost to raise a child per year ranges from \$12,350-\$14,000. The biggest cost is housing at 29%, followed by food at 18% and other costs such as child care, transportation, health care and clothing. Follow this link to get the cost of raising a child calculator:

<https://www.babycenter.com/cost-of-raising-child-calculator>

## *Per Capita Garnishments*

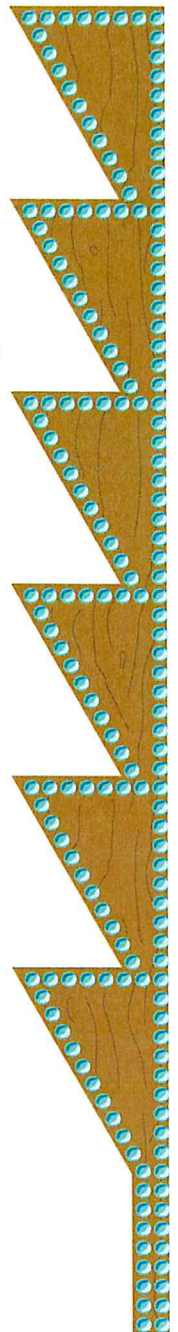
Per Capita Garnishments happen when a non-custodial parent is in arrears of three (3) months or more at their obligated monthly amount. Even if a partial payment is made within those three months, per capita garnishment will happen at the behind amount. To avoid per capita garnishment, please pay your monthly obligation on time.

## *Tribal Child Support Services is Accepting Applications for Services:*

Child Support Services can assist with:

- Locating an Absent Parent
- Paternity Establishment (including genetic tests)
- Establishing a Child Support Order
- Modifying a Child Support Order
- Enforcing a Child Support Order
- Coordinating with other Child Support agencies
- Legal Guardians Requesting Child Support

***Child Support Services CANNOT provide legal assistance or representation***





***National Association of Tribal Child Support Directors Fall Meeting 2016 at Marksville, Louisiana.  
See Lynette Dixey, Program Manager on the middle right hand side.***



***Financial Specialist Delverne Seaman (back row on left) and Program Manager  
Lynette Dixey (front row second from left) attended the Region 10 Annual Tribal and  
State Directors Meeting from April 4-5, 2017 in Seattle, WA.***

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