

# **CTTP APPLICATION CHECKLIST NEEDY FAMILIES**

Drug Test Due Date:

All other items due by: 

# Vital Records and income information is required for all adults and children in the home

- □ Photo ID
- □ Birth certificates
- □ Tribal Verification
- □ Social security cards
- □ Marriage certificate/divorce decree
- □ Pregnancy Verification
- Residency info
  - Lease/mortgage statement/Tribal housing letter (if residence is in your name) or
  - o Current Utility bill & Statement of Facts from person you are staying with
- All current income for household (Earned and Unearned: employment, income from tribe, unemployment, Social Security: SSI/SSA/SSDI/SSDB, Disability, etc.)
- □ Unemployment application confirmation
- □ Custody paperwork regarding children
- □ Child support information/paperwork
- □ Immunization records for any child under age 13
- □ Last year's taxes State/Federal
- □ Current bank statement, statements for any other accounts owned (Paypal/Cashapp/Venmo)
- □ Registration/insurance for any vehicles you own
- □ School Enrollment Verification
- □ Child's report card
- □ Other:\_\_\_\_\_ □ Other:\_\_\_\_\_
- □ Other:
- Other:

# Failure to provide the above documents may result in your application being denied.

If you have any questions regarding the above items, please contact our office:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Case #: \_\_\_\_\_ Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (10 business days from intake date)

Items needed to complete the application:

STAFF USE ONLY	SCAN LOCATION	
Adult(s)	CIF TAB OF INDIVIDUAL	SCAN INITIAL
Valid government issued picture I.D. or Qualified Alien Status	PICTURE ID Ex: CDL exp 07/2028	
Tribal Verification	VITAL STATISTICS	
Birth Certificate(s)		
Social Security Card(s)	-	
Marriage Certificate or Divorce Decree (when applicable)	-	
Pregnancy Verification (when applicable)	MEDICAL Ex: 12/23 Pregnancy verification	
Child(ren)	CIF TAB OF INDIVIDUAL	SCAN INITIAL
Tribal Verification	VITAL STATISTICS	
Birth Certificate(s)		
Social Security Card(s)	-	
Immunization Records (exempt at 13 years, 6 <sup>th</sup> grade or Statement of Fact for religious concerns)	MEDICAL Ex: 12/23 Immunization Jane Doe	
Child(ren) Education	SCHOOL INFO TAB OF CHILD	SCAN INITIAL
School Enrollment Verification (including minor parents)	CHILD EDUCATION	
Application Documents	TANF INTAKE – TANF IMAGES	SCAN INITIAL
Application for Services	APPLICATION or	
New Participant Orientation	RECERTIFICATION	



		Ex. 2023 Statement of Fact for Custody	
	Child custody agreements, guardianship or court order, Tribal or county document with proper signatures and/or seals	LEGAL DOCUMENTS	
-	more of the items below		INITIAL
Needy	Caregiver Legal Documents	Ex: 8/2023 Custody order TANF INTAKE – TANF IMAGES	SCAN
	Child custody agreements (when applicable) or Statement of Facts for custody	Legal Documents	
Legal [	Documents	TANF INTAKE – TANF IMAGES	SCAN INITIAL
	Statement of Facts from Homeowner or Leaseholder & current utility bill for address (If residence is not in applicants name)		
	Copy of current lease, rental agreement or mortgage statement (If in applicants name) Letter from Tribal Housing (if applicable)	RESIDENCY Ex: 12/2023 Lease	
	ncy Documents more of the items below	TANF INTAKE – TANF IMAGES	SCAN INITIAL
Devid	Drug Testing Confirmation/Results	ALCOHOL/DRUG Ex: 12/23 A/D Confirmation or Results (name(s)	CON.
	Passport to Services/Cal Fresh documents (if applicable)		
	Verification of Aid (County and any applicable Tribal TANF) Include all time on aid documents	VERIFICATION OF AID Ex: 12/2023 VOA-County	
	Consent to Release Information		
	Parent Information Release of Transporting Youth Waiver		
	Acknowledgment of Non-Compliance		
	Home Visit Acknowledgment	Ex: 12/2023 Intake Ex: 12/2023 Recertification	
	Drug screen Fraud Acknowledgment		
	Rights and Responsibilities Drug Testing Acknowledgment/Proof of	all forms) together	
	Talent Release	Scan packet (application and	



Designation of Indian Custodian, (25 U.S.C 1901, et seq.)		
A letter from the appropriate tribe with authorized signatures and/or Tribal Resolution		
Statement of Facts from the custodial parent (if available) or a Statement of Facts from the Needy Caregiver regarding custody situation of child(ren) and whereabouts of parents		
Income Documents	Annual income or initial award letters/applications- Scan to TANF INTAKE- TANF IMAGES	SCAN INITIAL
	Monthly income- Scan to TANF PAYMENTS (with MER)	
Monthly Eligibility Reports (MER) for first 2 months of assistance		
Verification of Earned income: Employment check stubs/Employment offer letter		
Per capita, RSTF, General Welfare or Tribal distribution		
Tax Return (previous year) or Statement of Facts for non-filing of tax return	TAX RETURN Ex: 2023 Tax Return (Name)	
Social Security income for adults and children (SSI, SSA, Social Security Disability Insurance, Survivors Benefits)	ANNUAL INCOME Ex: 2024 SSI Award Letter (Name)	
State of California disability award or denial letter		
Unemployment award/denial letter or Proof of Unemployment Application		
(If unemployed, all applicants must apply for Unemployment)		
Veterans benefits		
Child support income		
Money received from family or friends		
Other income of any kind		



Resources	TANF INTAKE – TANF IMAGES SCAN INITAL
Bank accounts checking/savings (c most current bank statement for a	
accounts to show resource levels)	Ex. 12/2023 Wells Fargo Acct #
IRA retirement accounts, 401K or investment accounts	other 12345
Other Accounts: Venmo/PayPal/Ca etc. (copy of most current bank st for all accounts to show resource Trust accounts or Savings bonds	atement are scanned with MER on
Current vehicle registration/proof insurance Vehicle Ioan information (for vehi	Registration/Exp 12/2024       cle value)
Proof of estimated vehicle value a current odometer reading (KBB)	nd Scan vehicle information as a packet
Real property other than primary	residence
Other:	

Upon Approval or Denial of Application, this completed form is to be scanned by Approver/Site Manager with the Compliance Notice of Action into TANF INTAKE – TANF IMAGES. *Ex. 12/2023 Compliance Notice of Action (Approval)* 



Family Type:

1 Paren	t 🛛 2 Parent	Caregiver			
Name (First, Middle, Las	st)				
Home Address		City	State	Zip Code	
Mailing Address		City	State	Zip Code	
Home Phone	Message Phone	Email Address		Other Names (maiden, nickname, etc.)	
County of Residence	How long in the County?	Number of mon	th/years at your curre	nt residence?	

# Please list everyone in your household requesting aid.

Enter Names (Adult & Child(ren)	Relation (NR= Not Related)	Birth Date	Social Security Numbers	Sex (M/F)	Marital Status	U.S. Citizen? (Y/N)	Veteran (Y/N)	Education (Last grade completed)	School (Last year attended)	Race
Example: Joe Smith	Self	2/10/74	555-55-5555	M	S	Yes	Y	12 <sup>th</sup>	1994	Native



1.	What is the Tribal affiliation Member of a Federa Descendent of California	ally Recognized Tribe	Descender	nt of Federally Re	cognized Tribe		
	Which Tribe?				_ Tribal Enrollm	ent #	
2.	Do you currently or have If yes, list all months, y	you ever resided on a F vears & location:				Yes 🛛 No	
3.		d what County					
	Workers Name:		Phone nu	mber:		CalFresh: How muc	:h?
4.	Are you requesting assist If yes, who?	ance for anyone that is					
5.	Do any of the children ha If yes, please list the a	ave an absent parent? bsent parent name:					
6.	Is any adult in your house	ehold fleeing from prose	ecution, custody	, and confinemer	it for a felony fron	n any state?	□Yes □No
	If yes, who?		,				
7.	Do you or anyone who liv	es with you, receive mo	oney from emplo	oyment?	❑Yes ❑No		
	Include money from al	ll jobs received.					
	Household Member who works	Employer	Full-time, Part-time or Seasonal	Number of hours worked per week	Hourly wage or monthly salary	Amount paid last month	How often paid?
	Example: Joe Smith	XYZ Company	Part	10	\$10	\$400	weekly



#### 8. Does anyone in your household receive money from any other source? □Yes □No

□ Alimony

- Money from relatives/friends
- Annuities
- Bingo/Gambling winnings
- Child Support
- Education
- Foster Care Payments
- Insurance/Lawsuit settlements
- Interest/Dividends
- Military Benefits
- Other income:

- Pension/Retirement benefits
- □ Social Security benefits (SSI, SSA, SSDI, Survivor, Death, etc.)
- Subsidized Adoption Benefits
- Tribal Per Capita payments/Revenue Sharing Trust Fund (RSTF) payments
- □ State Disability Insurance
- Unemployment Benefits
- Veterans' Benefits
- Worker's Compensation

Who receives the payment?	Adult or Child	Type of payment	Amount last month	How often?

9. Do you expect any changes in any of the income or employment you listed above, or do you expect any new income or employment not listed above? No. If you place evelope 

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10. Did you file taxes last year? 🛛 Yes 🖾 No

11. Do you work for or get help with food, shelter, utilities or other expenses that are not paid in cash? □Yes □No

If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_\_



12. Does anyone in your household own any property such as a house, land, apartment, mobile home, duplex, condo, camper, cabin or livestock?

If yes, please complete the following:

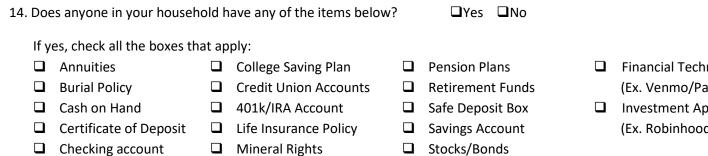
Who owns the property?	Type of property owned	Estimated value	Amount owed
Example: Joe Smith	Condo	\$75000.00	\$70000.00

13. Do you, or anyone who lives with you, own any vehicles such as a car, truck, motorcycle, boat, snowmobile, recreational vehicle (RV), all-terrain vehicles (ATV) or utility trailer?

If yes, please complete the following:

Who Owns the Vehicle?	Vehicle Type, Model and Year	What is the Vehicle used for?	Estimated Value	Amount still owed
Example: Joe Smith	1987 Ford Escort	Work	\$800	\$200





For all items check above, please fill in the boxes below:

- Financial Technology Accounts (Ex. Venmo/PayPal/Cash App/etc.)
- Investment Applications
   (Ex. Robinhood/Fidelity/Coinbase/etc.)

Who Owns Them?	Type of Item	Where Held?	Account Number	Total Value/Balance
Example: Joe Smith	Checking Account	Frontier Bank	452231	\$400.00

15. Are you currently homeless?

16. What are your shelter expenses? Check the boxes that apply and fill in the amount.

- Rent \$\_\_\_\_\_per month
- Mortgage \$\_\_\_\_\_per month
- □ Telephone \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month



17. What utility bills are you responsible for paying? Check the boxes.	
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		Telephone		Heat (gas, electric	, propane, wood, etc.)				
		Water		Garbage					
		Electricity		Other:		-			
		Sewer							
18.	Doe	s another person or agency help	you∣	pay all or part of y	our shelter costs (inclu	ding energy and heat	ting assistance)?	□Yes	□No
	lf ye	es, who pays?		What	expense?		Amount paid?		
19.	Doe	s anyone in your household pay o	child	support? 🛛 🏹 Ye	es 🗖 No				
	If y	es, who pays?		Mont	nly Amount?				
20.	Ном	/ did you hear about our program	ו?						

Under penalty of perjury, I certify that all information contained in this application for all persons applying for benefits, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the information I have provided will be verified and that fraudulent statements contained in this application could lead to criminal or civil action or administrative claims against me.

Adult Applicant Signature:	Date:
Other Adult Applicant Signature:	Date:
CTTP Staff Signature:	Date:



# **NEW PARTICIPANT ORIENTATION**

**Welcome:** The purpose of this orientation is to empower our Participants to make informed and appropriate decisions to ensure their success while on the California Tribal TANF Partnership (CTTP) program. CTTP staff will provide clear information regarding the requirements in order to remain in compliance while on the program.

## **Office Protocol:**

- Please Sign in/check in at the reception desk. Office hours are 8:00AM to 12:00PM and 1:00PM to 5:00PM, Monday-Friday. We are closed from 12-1 during the lunch hour.
- Please allow **30 minutes** prior to the lunch hour or the end of the work day when coming into the office to see your Caseworker.
- A notice will be posted if the office will be closed. Notification of office closure will be provided in advance as early as possible.
- CTTP has a zero-tolerance policy for "intense verbal or physical aggressive behavior." Profanity is not acceptable. If you insist on using profanity, you will be asked to leave and reschedule your appointment.
- We suggest making an appointment to see your Caseworker unless it is an immediate need or an emergency.
- **24 hour notice of any needed documentation** that is to be mailed, faxed, picked up or copied in person is required.
- CTTP does not provide copies of Participant documents beyond what is initially provided during the intake process. We will no longer be able to fax documents for Participants that are not TANF related.

**Mandatory Drug Testing:** CTTP Participants are required to take a drug test upon initial intake, annual recertification and at any time that a Participant appears to be under the influence in the presence of a CTTP staff member.

New Participants are required to appear for drug testing no later than ten (10) calendar days after the initial intake date or notice of annual recertification. Failure to adhere to this policy will result in denial or closure of your case.

**Confidentiality:** CTTP takes your privacy seriously, given this we would like you to be aware of the following:

- All of your information will be kept secure and protected.
- CTTP staff is not permitted to initiate contact or discuss case information in a public place. A participant may initiate contact, however, we ask that you do not discuss program related issues outside of CTTP offices.
- All CTTP staff are Mandated Reporters. Your information will be protected with the exception of our legally mandated obligation to report child abuse/neglect.



**Notices:** All notices that are sent from a CTTP office are mailed to the last known address. It is your responsibility to notify your Caseworker of any address changes within five (5) business days.

If mail is not returned to our office by the post office, it is assumed the mail has been received. Failure to check your mail is not a valid excuse that you were not notified of an action.

**Monthly Reports:** Your Monthly Eligibility Report (MER) is due the day that your monthly cash assistance check is picked up. If your MER is not submitted by the 10th of the month, you will receive a late MER notice which could result in the late MER Non-Compliance Policy being imposed.

Your MER must be completed with all required documentation attached, (i.e., bank statements, all income verification, including Cal Fresh, Medi-Cal, per capita, child support and child(ren)'s school attendance, etc.). If your MER is incomplete **it will not** be accepted or processed.

It is your responsibility to ensure your MER is complete without error. If an error is found, the MER will be returned to you via mail for correction and a missing MER notice will be sent.

The MER must be clean legible in order to be placed in your current case file. The MER **must** be completed in blue or black ink, not pencil.

Report any and all changes in regards to household size, all income, address change etc. within five (5) business days to your Caseworker, as well as on your MER.

**Required Documentation:** In order to determine continued eligibility, supporting documentation will be requested by your Caseworker or other pertinent CTTP staff. You will be required to submit requested documentation by indicated date and time. If unable to submit requested documentation, CTTP may not be able to determine continued eligibility, thus closing your case.

**Annual Recertification:** Each year prior to your CTTP anniversary date, a recertification appointment must be completed. During this appointment you will complete a new application, update forms and provide any updated documentation. Failure to complete recertification will result in case closure the last day of the recertification month.

**72 Month Time Limit:** Participants who have reached their 72-month time limit will be referred to the county for assistance if needed. Your family will no longer be eligible for assistance from CTTP.

You will meet with your Caseworker at 65 months to review your case plan status. At 70 months, you will discuss the process of transferring your case to the county if needed.

**Compliance Department:** CTTP has a Compliance Department that is required to enforce state and federal guidelines which include, case audits, case file reviews and the prevention and investigation of fraud. Failure to comply with CTTP Compliance Department could result in penalties, sanctions and/or case closure.

Failure to allow the Compliance Investigator access to your home during a home visit may result in case closure.



**Overpayment:** At any time if CTTP determines there has been an overpayment on your cash assistance benefit, you will be required to repay the overpayment.

**Case Plan Appointment:** Each adult is required to meet with their assigned Caseworker for a case plan appointment. During this appointment, a Case Plan Orientation will be presented, which will inform you what is expected of you during that phase of the program.

By signing this document, I agree that CTTP Site Staff has read and explained the contents of this document to me, and that I fully understand.

Participant Signature:	Date:
Participant Signature:	Date:
CTTP Staff Signature:	Date:



# CONSENT TO RELEASE INFORMATION

l,	give my permission for the following agencies:
Please INITIAL, if "Tribal" or "Other" are	e initialed please specify agency.
County Social Services County Mental Health Alcohol & Drug Child Support/Family Services	Court Tribal Landlord s Other
School District	Other
<ul> <li>Eligibility and Case Manage</li> <li>Other:</li> </ul>	Tribal TANF Partnership for the purpose of: gement
All applicable fields must be initialed This authorization must be updated by the Applicant/Participant.	d for release to be valid. annually and may be revoked at any time in writing
Applicant/Participant Signature	Date
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# TALENT RELEASE FORM

FOR VALUABLE DISCOURSE, including the **agreement** <u>to newsletter, publications, produce a motion</u> <u>picture, record video or publish photographs</u>, but not limited to submitted written documents, photographs of self, art work, advertisements, self-recording of voice taken, any music sung or played by self or group, the use of actual or fictitious name, general information as well as unsolicited materials, by whatever means to be exhibited, publicized or made use of, provided herewith, I grant the irrevocable merit to California Tribal TANF Partnership its licensees, agents, successors and assignees, the right (but not the obligation), in permanence throughout the world, in all media, now or hereafter known, to use (in any manner it deems appropriate and without limitation) and all rights will become the sole property of California Tribal TANF Partnership.

On behalf of myself, my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, successors and assignees, I herewith forfeit California Tribal TANF Partnership, its agents, licensees, successors and assignees from any and all liabilities, claims and damages arising out or rights granted under the terms of this agreement, or the exert herewith.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature:

Print Name:

I am the parent or legal guardian of (Print Full Name):

I grant irrevocable consent to the foregoing grant and agreement. I know that state law requires me to attend each of my child's performances, (when producing a motion picture or recorded video) and I testify that this information was provided to me by California Tribal TANF Partnership producer of the film its licensees, agents, successors and assignees. However, due to circumstances beyond my control, I may or may not be able to attend each performance and in these instances, I agree NOT to hold all those formerly mentioned, within this paragraph, responsible. I also give permission for my child to work until 9 pm, on production when applicable and will not put forward any claims of any kind of nature whatsoever, including without limitation, those based upon child labor laws, in connection with the exertion of the permission granted herewith. I understand that all of the above mentioned by whatever means to be exhibited, publicized or made use of, provided herewith may be used in connection with California Tribal TANF Partnership's newsletters, success stories, website links, digital stories and/or CTTP reports.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature:

Print Name:



# RELEASE FOR TRANSPORTING YOUTH WAIVER

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Partnership and its employees from any liability of injury, loss or damage to personal property, while

transporting my child(ren):

in company vehicles. I acknowledge that I have read and understand the waiver, that it is a legally

binding document and that I sign it under my own free will.

Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print name)

Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# **RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

# **Rights:**

- 1. You have the right to apply for TANF assistance as long as you meet the eligibility criteria identified in the CTTP approved plan. This, however, does not guarantee that your application will be approved.
- 2. You have the right to have this application read to you.
- 3. You have the right to appeal any decision made regarding your application.
- 4. You have the right to know why your application was denied.
- 5. You have the right to a face-to-face interview.
- 6. You have the right to have a representative of your choice at any interview.
- 7. You have the right to receive all benefits for which you are qualified.
- 8. You have the right to be treated fairly and with respect.

# **Responsibilities:**

- 1. You have the responsibility to provide all required documents.
- 2. You have the responsibility to be truthful at all times.
- 3. You have the responsibility to meet all required work hours and other required activities.
- 4. You have the responsibility to submit your Monthly Eligibility Report (MER) on time.
- You have the responsibility to report changes in your household or income within five (5) days.
- 6. You have the responsibility to report, to your case manager, any barriers you might encounter.
- 7. You have the responsibility to treat CTTP employees and staff with respect, including not using profane language while on all CTTP properties.
- 8. You have the responsibility to dress appropriately when visiting all CTTP properties.

I have read the above Rights and Responsibilities and understand that, if I do not comply with all requirements, I may be denied services or have my monthly cash assistance reduced by a penalty or sanction.

Applicant Signature:	Date:
Applicant Signature:	Date:
CTTP Representative:	Date:



# DRUG TESTING ACKNOWLEDGMENT

All CTTP adult Participants will undergo chemical dependency testing for use of chemical substances. The use of drugs is directly adverse to the goal of CTTP to promote and maintain healthy, self-sufficient families.

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# If a Participant refuses to cooperate during the initial phase of drug testing, they will be notified immediately that their case will be denied/closed in ten (10) days.

Participants/Non-Needy Caregivers who test positive are referred for Substance Use Disorder evaluation.

Following CTTP Substance Use Disorder Intake: The Participant will be scheduled for a retest 90 calendar days from date of their CTTP Substance Use Disorder Intake.

At the scheduled 90 calendar day date, the Participant repeats drug testing. If the Participant tests positive, an A/D Level One Sanction is applied (25% reduction of grant amount). If the Participant tests negative for drugs, no further action will be taken.

If the Participant tests positive at the 90 day test, another test will be given at 120 calendar days. If the Participant tests positive at the 120 calendar day test, an A/D Level Two Sanction is applied (35% reduction of grant amount). If the test is negative no further action is taken.

If the Participant tests positive at the 120 day test, one final test is scheduled at 150 calendar days from initial Substance Use Disorder assessment. If the Participant tests negative, no further action will be taken. If the Participant tests positive, the case is closed effective the last day of the month. Participant may reapply and re-test six (6) months from date of case closure.

If at any stage above Participant does not re-test by the date required, case is closed effective the last day of the month. Participant may reapply and re-test six (6) months from date of case closure.

## Non-Needy Caregivers will follow this policy with the exception of no monetary deductions.

Growing of Marijuana in the Participant's/Non-Needy Caregiver's residence or the residence in which they currently reside results in a status of Non-Compliance and possible case closure.

As a federally funded program of the Department of the Administration for Children and Families under the Department of Health and Human Services, California Tribal TANF Partnership does not recognize state or local laws concerning the legalization of marijuana in whole or in part.

### I have read and understand the above policy.

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**CTTP** Representative

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**CTTP** Representative

Date



## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NON-COMPLIANCE

Non-Compliance is defined as failure without good cause to comply with program requirements or component of the Case Plan. Non-Compliance will result in a penalty and/or sanction being imposed, which will result in a reduction in the CTTP monthly grant or case closure. The Participant will not be eligible for supportive services until the penalty/sanction has been lifted and the Participant has regained a good standing with the program.

Good standing means the Participant has participated in all required testing, training and any other requirements.

**Consequences of Non-Compliance:** When a Participant fails, without good cause, to comply with program requirements the individual will serve either a penalty or sanction. Participants will move to the next level under the process and will not repeat the previous level within a twelve (12) month period (Anniversary date to Anniversary date). There are two types of Non-Compliance, *general* and *specific:* 

- A. General Non-Compliance with program requirements may include:
  - 1. Failure to meet required Work Participation hours.
  - 2. Failure to develop a Self-Sufficiency Plan in 30 days after eligibility intake and recertification.
  - 3. Failure to participate in assigned Case Plan activities.
  - 4. Failure to attend scheduled meeting with Caseworker/Site Manager.
  - 5. Resign employment or refusal of work offered without reasonable justification.

Non-Compliance in one or more of the above will result in the following:

- a. First Non-Compliance month Verbal Warning. This sanction action initiates the progressive levels of sanctions.
- b. Second Non-Compliance month 25% reduction of the TANF grant amount for one (1) month (Sanction level one)
- c. Third Non-Compliance month 35% of the TANF grant amount for one (1) month (Sanction level two)
- d. Fourth Non-Compliance month 50% of the TANF grant amount for one (1) month (Sanction level three).
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- f. If a Participant voluntarily closes the case while in a sanctioned status and re-applies within six (6) months the client returns at the prior sanction level. Resolved sanctions will restore the grant to normal status.

#### B. Specific Non-Compliance includes:

- 1. Failure to turn in Monthly Eligibility Report (MER) by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the required month
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> time MER is late: verbal warning

- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> time MER is late: \$25 penalty
- c. 3<sup>rd</sup> time MER is late: \$50 penalty
- d. 4<sup>th</sup> time MER is late: \$100 penalty
- e. 5<sup>th</sup> time MER is late: case closure

Should the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month fall on a weekend or holiday, the due date is extended to the following business day. The Participant may not reapply after case closure for three (3) months from the date of closure.

#### 2. Failure to complete Drug Screening Process

#### A. New Intake/Recertification Drug Screening

New, current and child-only intake Participants are given ten (10) calendar days to complete the testing. Should the Participant fail to test at intake/recertification: Case is closed the last day of the month. The Participant may reapply on or after the first day of the following month.

#### B. For Cause Drug Screening

Should a CTTP staff member observe an active Participant who appears to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol, the Participant is verbally notified, at the time of observation, and given a testing form to complete the drug screening at the assigned location by the close of business. Failure to complete the drug testing after notification results in immediate case closure. The Participant may not reapply after case closure for six (6) months from the date of closure.

#### 3. Failure to submit MER before end of the month

• Case is closed the last day of the month. Participants may reapply on or after the first of the following month and the case remains in retrospective budgeting to calculate the current and subsequent months' grants.

#### **MER Reinstatement:**

After a case has been closed due to a missing MER the Participant has 30 days to have their case reinstated to Approved Status.

#### 4. Failure to submit required documentation within 30 days of request

Case is closed the last day of the month. Participants may reapply on or after the first of the following month.

#### 5. Failure to complete Recertification in the month it is due

Case is closed the last day of the month. Participant may reapply on or after the first of the following month.

#### 6. Failure of a child(ren) to attend school- 20 or more unexcused absences in a semester

- Student has 4 unexcused absences: Meet with Caseworker to discuss tardies/absences
- Student has 8 unexcused absences: Internal referral (Wellness or Education)
- Student has 12 unexcused absences: Mandatory workshop/Aeries portal weekly check-in by Caseworker



- Student has 16 unexcused absences: Compliance notification letter sent to Participant
- Student has 20 unexcused absences: The child will be suspended from the program

It will be the parent's responsibility to provide verification from the school that the child is in compliance with the CTTP Education Department's Attendance Guidelines, following the 30 day exclusion from the grant.

The child will not be eligible for any supportive services with the exception of Web-based learning software.

#### 7. Failure to turn in Childcare Timesheets by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> time Timesheets are late: Verbal warning
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> time Timesheets are late: \$25 penalty
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- d. 4<sup>th</sup> time, and all subsequent months, Timesheets are late: \$100 penalty

# 8. Participant conduct (abusive language, sexual harassment, abusive or intimidating behavior, physical violence or threats toward staff/facilitators or Participants, and/or any illegal activity).

Depending on severity of incident, the penalty will be determined by the Executive Director. Penalties may include a sanction up to, and including, case closure.

Participant Signature	Date
Participant Signature	Date
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CTTP Staff Signature	Date
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Date

Date



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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# HOME VISIT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

All California Tribal TANF Participants will receive a home visit scheduled or unscheduled to their primary address by CTTP staff members when any of the following occur:

- Approval of application (to be completed within 30 calendar days).
- Recertification (to be completed within 30 calendar days).
- Approval of Non-Needy Caregiver application (to be completed in 30 days).
- Move to another residence.
- Adult or Child moves into or out of the residence.
- Written/verbal statement from the public regarding activities at the residence.
- Unable to contact Participant by phone, mail, or email.
- Anytime the Health and Safety of the children in the residence is in question.
- CTTP has the right to visit the home at any time without notice.
- CTTP has the right to terminate the home visit at any time due to unsafe conditions, this includes unsecured firearms.
- At the time of home visit, all pets must be leashed/contained.
- If a Participant refuses to allow entry for a home visit, they will be considered to be non-compliant with program requirements and will have 3 days to comply. If the home visit is not completed within 3 days of non-compliance, the case will be closed immediately. Case closure date is the last day of the month. The Participant is not eligible to reapply for 60 days after the case closure date.

# I understand and acknowledge that I will receive home visits scheduled and unscheduled as stated above.

Participant Signature:	Date:
Participant Signature:	Date:
CTTP Staff Signature:	Date:



# **CALIFORNIA TRIBAL TANF PARTNERSHIP**

THIS REPORT IS FOR THE MONTH OF:	
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NAME: CIF NUMBER:

MONTHLY ELIGIBILITY REPORT (MER)

- Complete, sign and return this report by 10<sup>th</sup> of the month, otherwise no cash grant will be processed for payment.
- You must report within 5 days any change that may affect your eligibility for the amount of your cash aid.
- Answer for everyone on cash assistance, including children, parents, step-parents, your spouse.
- Facts you report may result in your benefits increasing, decreasing or being stopped.

(Month/Year)

#### 

paper and attach proof of expenses.							
Who received Income?	Employer's Name	Net Amount	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	_Job _Training	Actual Date Received					
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	_Job _ Training	Actual Date Received					

### 2) Did anyone receive money or benefits from any other source (unearned)? \_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_NO Include: Per Capita and/or RSTF, one time lump sum, Child/spousal support; interest or dividends; gambling/lottery winnings; insurance or legal settlements; strike benefits; cash, gifts, loans, scholarships; tax refunds; any government benefits, such as Social Security, Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP), unemployment, worker's compensation, State Disability Indemnity, veterans or railroad retirement, other private or government disability or retirement; rental income and rental assistance; free housing/utilities/clothing/food; or anything else. If "YES", complete below. Attach proof.

Who received Income?	Source of income	Net Amount	\$ \$	\$ \$	\$
		Date Received			
Who received Income?	Source of income	Net Amount	\$ \$	\$ \$	\$
		Date Received			

3) Did you or any memb	er of your TANF	household have any Ca	sh Resources for the month?
Checking Account	YES NO	Amount \$	Attach Current Bank Statement
Savings Account	YES NO	Amount \$	Attach Current Bank Statement
Cash on Hand	YES NO	Amount \$	

receive any of the following for the month?	?YESNO
Medi-Cal/Medical Assistance HUD/Section 8	Other
	Date Received
	receive any of the following for the month Medi-Cal/Medical Assistance HUD/Section 8 Value of Resources/Benefits

5) Is any member in the household avoiding or running from the law to avoid a felony prosecution, custody or confinement after conviction, or in violation of probation or parole? \_\_\_\_\_YES \_\_\_NO If "YES", who: \_\_\_\_\_\_

6) Has any member of	f the household be	een <u>convicted</u> of a dru	ig related felony for poss	ession, use, or di	stribution of a	
controlled substance(s	s)? If "YES", com	plete below:			_YES	NO
Full Name of Person	Date of Arrest	Arresting Agency	Date of Felony Conviction	Conviction Was Fo	or (check one)	
				_Use _Posses Other (explain)	sion _ Distributio	on

7) Did anyone move into or out of absences; deceased, entered or le		ove in with someone else? Include: newb . complete below:	orns; temporary /ES NO
Full Name of Person	Relationship To You	Explain What Changed	Date of Change
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Full Name of Person	Relationship To You	Explain What Changed	Date of Change
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ADDR	ESS CHANGE Fill in this section only if you have moved or have a	a new mailing ad	dress. Attach proof.
NEW HOME ADDRESS (NU	MBER, STREET, AVENUE, BLVD. ETC.) APT. NO. CITY STATE	ZIP	NEW PHONE NUMBER
			( )
DATE MOVED	NEW MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)	CITY	STATE ZIP
	CERTIFICATION		

#### I UNDERSTAND THAT:

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#### YOU MUST SIGN AND DATE THIS REPORTAND ATTACH ALL VERIFICATION OR IT WILL BE CONSIDERED INCOMPLETE.

# I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States and the State of California that the facts contained in this report are true and correct.

Signature or Mark	Date Signed	Home Phone	Contact Phone
Signature of Spouse or Other Parent of Cash Aided Child(ren)	Date Signed	Home Phone	Contact Phone

For the Month of:

When completed return to your Case Worker with your MER by the 10t<u>h</u> day of the Month.

34 hours of approved work participation hours are required per family per week. Did you meet your 34 hours per week? \_\_Yes \_\_No Reason hours not met

I sign this timesheet aware that all information is accurate and correct. I understand that submitting false information can jeopardize my eligibility for TANF.

Signature of CTTP Staff:	Date:
Signature and phone number of approved 3rd Party verifying ho	urs
Signature:	
Phone #:	
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Weekending: Acceptable Work Activities	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
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Clients Signature:	Date:
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# SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION

Case Name: Site:
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Please provide verification that the following individual(s) are currently enrolled in school.

Name of School	School Year	

Date of Birth	Enrolled	Grade
	Yes / No	
		Yes / No Yes / No Yes / No Yes / No Yes / No Yes / No Yes / No

School Official Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

Title

( )

Phone



# PARENT INFORMATION

# Please complete for each parent who is not living in the home

First:	Last: MI		_ MI:	
D.O.B.:		Deceased: Yes 📃 No 📃		
Home/Mailing address:				
City:		State:	Zip Code:	
Hm. phone:	Wk. phone:		Other phone:	
Parent has visitation: Yes	No 🗌 If yes, list sche	dule:		
Has custody/guardianship be	een established by court	: Yes 🗌 No 🗌	]	
Children of Parent Above:				
1	2		3	
4	5		6	
Father's Information:				
First:	Last:			_ MI:
D.U.B.:		Decea	sed: Yes 📃 No 🗌	
D.O.B.: Home/Mailing address:				
Home/Mailing address:		State:	Zip Code:	
Home/Mailing address: City:	Wk. phone:	State:	Zip Code: Other phone:	
Home/Mailing address: City: Hm. phone:	Wk. phone: No If yes, list sche	State: edule:	Zip Code: Other phone:	
Home/Mailing address: City: Hm. phone: Parent has visitation: Yes 🗌	Wk. phone: No If yes, list sche	State: edule:	Zip Code: Other phone:	
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Home/Mailing address: City: Hm. phone: Parent has visitation: Yes Has custody/guardianship be Children of Parent Above:	Wk. phone: No If yes, list sche een established by court 2	State: edule: : Yes No	Zip Code: Other phone: ] 3	

CALIFORNIA TRIBAL TANF PARTNERSHIP	STATEMENT OF FACTS	
	l,	make the following statement under the penalty of perjury:

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Signature	Date	
СТТР		
Representative	Date	