

# Chippewa Cree Tribal TANF

(Temporary Assistance to Needy Families)

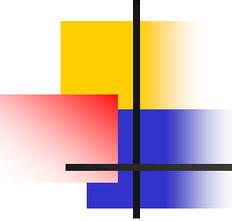
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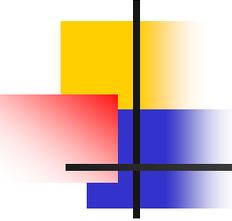
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# CCT TANF Purpose

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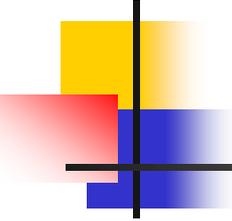
- The intent of the Chippewa Cree Tribal TANF (CCTT) Plan is to provide welfare related services to needy Indian families that include at least one child or caretaker relative (excluding step-parents) who is enrolled or enrollable in a federally recognized tribe in that portion of Chouteau County within the exterior boundaries of the Tribe's Reservation and Hill County.
- The program is intended to support needy families to become self-sufficient and not be dependent upon the CCTT program for assistance. It is the intent of the CCTT program that assistance shall be provided promptly with due regard for the preservation of Indian family life.



# Period Covered by the Plan

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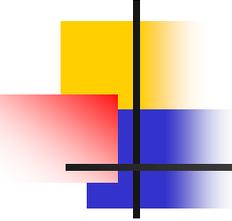
- The Chippewa Cree Tribe intends to implement the program beginning September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2016. *Plan approved for additional three-year period 9-1-2013 to 8-31-2016.*



# CCTT Needy Families

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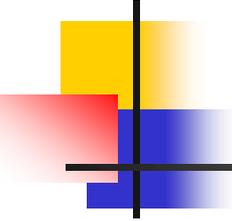
- At least one child or caretaker relative (excluding step-parents who is enrolled or enrollable in a federally recognized tribe)
- A woman pregnancy with an Indian child in her third trimester
- All school age children are required to attend school full time with regular attendance, verification of enrollment and current status is required
- Minor parent must be living in a home with parents or a responsible adult
- A dependent child that is still in high school will be eligible until graduation or their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday



# CCTT Assistance and Services

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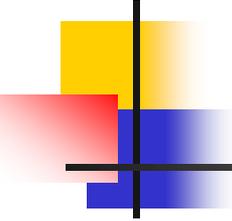
- Cash Assistance
- Educational activities
- Work activities
- Job related or educational related costs
- When cooperating with TANF work participation



# CCTT Supportive Services

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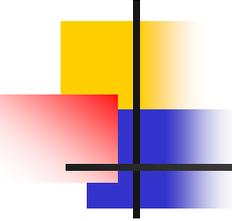
- Community economic and job development
- Domestic violence services
- Culturally relevant support services
- Childcare and transportation
- Teen pregnancy prevention and education
- Substance abuse/mental health services due to a barrier to training or work
- Emergency assistance
- Non-custodial parent may be eligible for training activities
- Two parent family promotion activities
- Supportive services to families no longer eligible for cash assistance
- Default educational loans



# CCTT Family Improvement Plan

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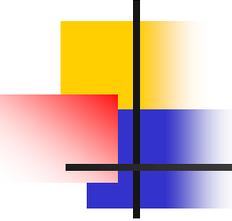
- Adult TANF recipients (unless exempted) are required to develop with the TANF case manager an “Individual Improvement Plan”
- An IIP is a plan to assist the client to meet the work activities requirement and address any barriers the client may have that may impede the client’s work/training and employability.



# TANF Re-determination

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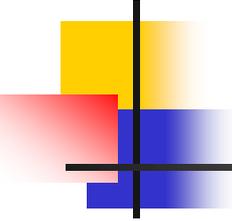
- Monthly on the basis of anticipated changes in the family's situation
- Promptly after a report is obtained that may make the family ineligible
- By conducting a "desk review" every three months
- By conducting a face-to-face review of all eligibility requirements every twelve months



# CCTT Work Activities

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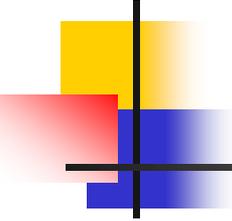
- Subsidized Tribal Employment
- Unsubsidized employment
- Subsidized private/public employment
- Participation in a NEW/WIA activity
- Work experience
- On the job training
- Job search
- Community services program
- Post-secondary education
- Vocational education
- Job skills training
- Satisfactory attendance in secondary school or in a course of study leading to a GED
- The provision of childcare services to an individual who is participating in a community services program
- Domestic Violence, substance abuse or mental health counseling
- Culturally relevant work Activities



# Mandatory Work Requirements

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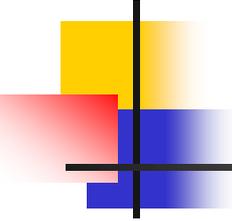
- 28 hours a week
- 30% of FY2014 Case Load



# Time Limits

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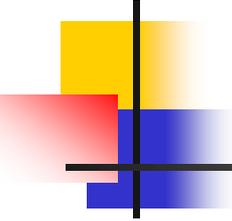
- Two time clocks
- Havre recipients will continue to accrue
- Rocky Boy Reservation recipients fall under the exemption due to the not employed rate



# CCTT Options

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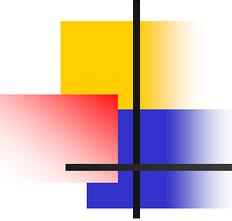
- No family cap
- School age children to attend school full time with regular attendance, verification of enrollment and current status is required
- Will establish a maximum of one-year denial of benefits to those applicants that commit major fraud to collect benefits
- Immunization of all children
- Exempt parents/needy caretakers from work participation requirements
- Will deny cash assistance to benefits to recipients/applicants for one year, unless enrolled in a substance abuse treatment program and submit to random drug testing for conviction of felony drug related crimes
- Will allow recipients to accumulate assets to buy a house, trailer, or a vehicle
- Substance abuse testing required for all applicants and recipients



# CCTT Staff

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- 5 Case Managers:
  - Rocky Boy TANF Office: Ken LaFromboise, Olivia Gopher, Danelle Hay (trainee)
  - Box Elder TANF Office: Linda Belcourt
  - Havre TANF Office: Edna Ball
  
- 1 Fiscal/Administrative Officer: Michelle Sangrey Henderson
- 1 Intake/File Clerk: Angelica Denny
- ½ Intake/Work Readiness: Nida Parker
- 1 Director: Elaine Topsky



# CHALLENGES

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- No access to State System
- Work Readiness Resources
- No funding for Family Resource Center