

DEPARTMENT FOR SELF RELIANCE



OVERVIEW

The Navajo Nation's initial Tribal Family Assistance Plan, to operate its own Tribal TANF Program was approved effective October 1, 2000. In 2007, TANF was changed to the Navajo Nation Program for Self Reliance (NNPSR) to better reflect the values on the program. The name changed in 2014 to Department for Self Reliance.

The DSR has established the following goals:

- To promote employment opportunities so that an increasing number of DSR families become self-reliant.
- To promote educational opportunities so that an increasing number of Adult Benefit Group members become employable.
- To promote education and prevent further dependence by increasing opportunities for program youth.
- To increase the overall integrity, efficiency and accountability of case management.
- To reduce the future dependency of children on governmental benefits by promoting education and prevention.
- To promote responsible and involved parenting

SERVICES

The DSR provides assistance and services to households which have at least one child who is deprived of parental support and care and who meets the financial and non-financial eligibility requirements set forth in the DSR Family Assistance and Employment Support Services (FAESS) Manual. The DSR provides assistance to approximately 3,000 families each month through offices located in Chinle, Greasewood, Kayenta, St. Michaels, Tuba City, AZ; Crownpoint, Gallup, Shiprock & Farmington, NM.

SERVICE DELIVERY AREA AND POPULATION

- a. All population living within the boundaries of the Navajo Reservation, including Trust lands and the satellite communities of Alamo, Ramah, and To'hajiilee.
- b. Households living within the city limits of a federally recognized Near Reservation community, where the identified head of household has a Navajo Census number.
- c. A DSR customer who temporarily relocates to an area outside of the described SDA, but within the states of Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah, for the purpose of receiving medical or non-medical treatment, education, training, or on-the-job training will continue to receive DSR assistance and services for the duration of their treatment or enrollment in the educational/training program, provided they meet the following criteria and requirements.

CUSTOMER REQUIREMENTS

All DSR Adult Customers are required to:

- Attend a DSR Orientation Session, develop a Personal Responsibility Plan and if included in the benefit group; engage in authorized work participation activities for the required minimum hours each month.
- In addition, for cases where there is an absent legal parent(s), customer must comply with the child support enforcement requirements in order to receive DSR assistance.

Mission Statement:

We shall serve, with integrity and ethics,
to empower individuals and families by
promoting, T'áá hwo'ájit'éeego, through
appropriate support,
opportunities and education.

Service Delivery Area

