

NAVAJO NATION DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES
DEPARTMENT FOR SELF RELIANCE

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Please check one: Current DSR Customer Former DSR Customer Non-DSR Customer
 Program Representative for: _____

YOUR AGE: _____ COMMUNITY YOU LIVE IN: _____

We are requesting comment(s) on the following proposed changes:

1. Should we no longer provide assistance to DSR Customers who relocate to a community outside of the DSR Service Delivery Area (SDA) due to Domestic Violence? Customers who relocate outside of the DSR SDA due to Domestic Violence would apply with state programs who have the resources and qualified staff to provide services and assistance to victims of domestic violence.

Yes, I agree with this proposed change because _____

No, I do not agree with this proposed change because _____

2. Should we add the following to the Disqualification Section? (Page 13)

A Customer and all members of their benefit group who are in a disqualification period as a result of the imposition of a fourth level penalty.

Currently, when an adult Customer reaches the fourth level penalty, only the head-of-household and, if applicable, their spouse is disqualified from receiving DSR assistance for a one year period. This change would result in their minor children also being disqualified for a one year period.

Yes, I agree with this proposed change because _____

No, I do not agree with this proposed change because _____

3. Should we add the following as a Work Participation (WP) Activity for Customers? (Page 17)

Addressing Barriers to Work Participation.

On a limited and case-by-case basis, this WP activity would be authorized for Customers who have a barrier to successful participation in a primary work participation activity (e.g. Child care, transportation, driver's license, housing, etc.).

Yes, I agree with this proposed change because _____

No, I do not agree with this proposed change because _____

4. Should we establish two (2) categories of Work Participation Activities: Primary and Secondary?

Primary Work Participation Activities (PWPA): Activities which are directly related to providing adult benefit group members with education, training, experience directly related to their chosen career goal. At least seventy-five percent (75%) of the Work Participation hours authorized per week would need to be PWPA. (Page 14)

Secondary Work Participation Activities (SWPA): Activities which supplement authorized Primary Work Activities. SWPA cannot be authorized as the only work participation activity for an adult benefit group member and no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the Work Participation hours authorized per week can be SWPA. (Page 16)

Yes, I agree with is proposed change because _____

No, I do not agree with this proposed change because _____

5. **Should we remove “Teenage Parents” as a Target Group for DSR Assistance and Services?** Due to the eligibility requirement that a parent under the age of eighteen must be emancipated in order to apply for DSR assistance, we are currently not providing assistance to any teenage parents. Once the parent reaches eighteen years of age, they are eligible to apply for DSR assistance.

Yes, I agree with this proposed change because _____

No, I do not agree with this proposed change because _____

6. **Should we add the following to the services and assistance provided to youth:**

Promoting career exploration, employment preparation and attainment of work experience by coordinating and collaborating with other programs and resources to provide summer, winter and after-school employment opportunities for youth who are included in a DSR benefit group. (Page 25)

Yes, I agree with this proposed change because _____

No, I do not agree with this proposed change because _____

**Thank you for your interest and participation in the
NNDSS Department for Self Reliance’s Public Comment Period
for the Navajo Nation’s Tribal Family Assistance Plan.**

**If you have any questions or need further clarification,
please contact the nearest DSR Office.**

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Please return your comments to a DSR Office or mail to:

**NNDSS Department for Self Reliance
ATTENTION: Public Comments
P.O. Box 2279
Window Rock, Arizona 86515**

**All comments must be received by the DSR Program by:
December 31, 2014.**