

Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Child Support Enforcement Unit Family and Child Needs Assessment

SECTION I: PURPOSE

There are some requirements of 45 CFR 309, Final Rule for Tribal Child Support Programs that require the review of existing tribal law or that may require the creation of new tribal law. In order to make better decision on these legal issues, the IV-D Program has established this general survey.

SECTION II: INSTRUCTIONS

The purpose of this survey is to capture tribal values, customs and gather information to help us better plan for the needs of the tribe.

SECTION III: STASTICAL INFORMATION

Sex: _____ Number of Children: _____ Employed: YES _____ NO _____

Age: _____ Marital Status: _____ Monthly Income: _____

SECTION IV: PATERNITY

1. What paternity services provided by the State of New York would you also want the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe to provide?

2. When paternity was established for your child (ren), did you understand the law/process?

3. Please list a positive and negative experience for each of the following that you have experienced:
 - a. Acknowledged (voluntary) process:

 - b. DNA Testing:

 - c. Court Judgment/Default Judgment:

d. Other (Traditional Practice\marital presumption):

4. What role does the extended family play in defining/supporting children of the next generation?

5. How can the Child Support Program support youth and parent education, about paternity matters?

SECTION V: CHILD SUPPORT

1. What child support establishment services provided by the State of New York would you also want the Tribe to provide?

2. What is a reasonable percent of income for parents?

3. Should both parents be expected to work and earn an income? Why?

4. If a parent cannot provide cash support, what else would be a valuable contribution to the family or child?

5. What “factors” should be considered when establishing a child support obligation?

6. Under what circumstances should a parent not be required to provide financial support for their child (ren)?
7. Why should both parents be equally responsible for and financially support their child (ren)?
8. What can the Child Support Program do to support holistic child support services?
9. How can the Child Support Program support the emotional health of children and ensure that both parents contribute financially for their child (ren)?

SECTION VI: ENFORCEMENT

1. What enforcement services provided by the State of New York would you also want the Tribe to provide?
2. If you could not receive all of these enforcement services from the Tribe, would you prefer to keep your case with the State?
3. Have you had any problems or complaints with the current Income Withholding process?
4. Are there other enforcement techniques that the Tribe can provide?
5. What “factors” should be considered to determine the level of enforcement that is appropriate?

