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SOCIAL SERVICES AVAILABLE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Pueblo of Pojoaque is a full social service agency. Listed below is a list of the more common services available through the social service department.

- **CPT Board** – Advisory Board appointed by Tribal Council to monitor progress of foster care cases
- **Foster Care** – placement of children in foster homes in collaboration with tribal court
- **Recruitment and training** – new foster parents within the Pueblo community
 - **Foster Care Licensing** – following Foster Care Standards adopted by tribal council
 - **Foster Care Monitoring** – monthly or quarterly home visits based on foster child's needs
 - **Foster Care Court Reviews** – as set by Court typically quarterly or semi-annually
 - **Foster Care Plan** – completed when child is first placed with foster parents and then updated quarterly or as needed
- **In Home Services** – families who are encountering problems with caring for children, finances, family stress, or any issues that impact good family functioning. Strong focus on health of infants and children. May be referred by court, police, child development center, CHR, education or self-reported.
- **Supervised visitation** – for families who are divorced or separated and/or parents who have children in foster care, Visitation typically is held at social services or approved alternate location.
- **Educational Neglect** – respond to reports from schools regarding a student's failed progress in school. Try to work with parents to resolve child needs or in some cases may result in a petition being filed in Tribal Court for disposition. In all cases an educational plan is developed to assist the child.
- **Child Delinquency** – Children who commit a crime on the Pueblo are reported to Tribal Court for prosecution. Children placed under probation are supervised by the social service probation officer who works with a social service worker to develop a plan to assist the child in making appropriate behavior change.
- **Probation and Parole** –tribal members convicted for a crime and placed on probation or are released from incarceration and placed on Parole are supervised by the Probation Officer. Treatment plans are developed for these individuals and are approved by the tribal court.
- **Domestic Violence** – Provide education on domestic violence for tribal members and to adolescents. Victims seeking services are assisted in meeting their daily survival needs, receive court advocacy, assistance with "NO CONTACT" orders, counseling for victim and children, and other needs that are identified by the family.
- **Adult Guardianship** – supervision of adult tribal members who have been determined by the Courts as not being capable of managing their own affairs. The Court will appoint a social service case manager to assist the individual in meeting all their personal needs.

- **Emergency Assistance** – Approved by tribal council. Tribal members may seek emergency assistance once in a 12-month period for up to \$300 to pay bills, medical care, insurance, etc. Must complete application and submit to a drug test. All applications must be approved by tribal official. Checks are issued to a vendor and not to individuals. Emergency assistance is approved by tribal officials.
- **Disability Assistance** – Approved by tribal council. Tribal members who are medically disabled and are receiving SSI or individuals who have a temporary disability which is diagnosed by a medical doctor for a certain period of time may apply for Disability Assistance. The maximum is \$300 per month for 10 months (February to November). Council determined tribal members can pay their utility costs in December and January from their Weatherization funds. The assistance provided is for light and gas assistance only. Disability Assistance is approved by tribal officials.
- **Medical Assistance** – pending Tribal Council approval. This will be medical assistance for hospitalization, travel, medication, therapy, and other costs related to the illness. This will have a lifetime limit on the amount an individual may request for medical assistance. Must be justified by a doctor. Medical assistance is approved by tribal officials.
- **Food Vouchers** – Individuals may request emergency food assistance if they are without any resources to provide food for themselves or family. There is a limit as to the amount provided to an individual/family. Persons who obtain a food voucher are only allowed to purchase items that are on the food voucher list. Food vouchers are approved by social services.
- **Child Abuse Prevention Walk** – held annually in April
- **Domestic Violence Walk** – held annually in October
- **Youth Summer Camp** – to be held annually in June or July – first camp was held in July 2016 which was very successful.
- **Prevention education for tribal community throughout the year.**
- **Substance Abuse Counseling & Therapy**- for Tribal & Non-Tribal Individuals who are involved with (PTW) Path to Wellness program.

Social service department is available to assist individuals with just about any problem they may be encountering. You may call our office for an appointment or walk-in and ask to speak to a staff member. This often may result in referral to another agency to obtain the assistance you are seeking. We can also assist individuals with applying for Medicaid or other public services.

Please feel free to call social services if you have any questions.