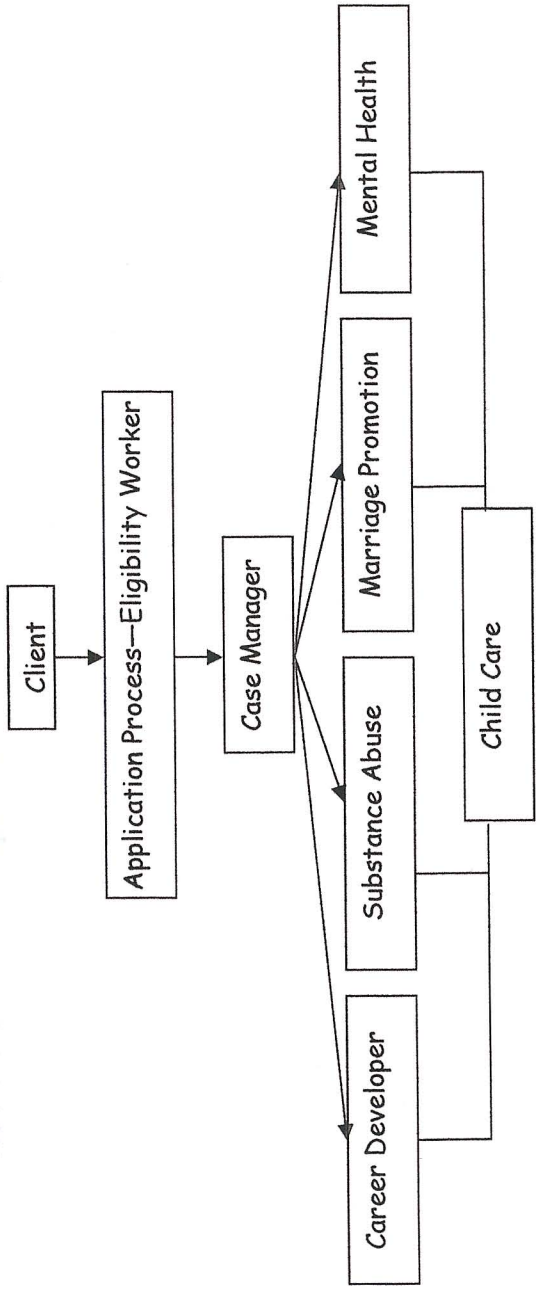
How the Child Care Department lies in relation to other TANF departments.



The Child Care and Career Development Departments both work synonymously with other TANF departments, all with placing an emphasis on helping the people we serve with becoming more self sufficient in the community. We are available Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

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Career Development and Child Care

Working Together

What does Temporary Assistance mean?

Temporary Assistance means that the TANF Program will provide cash aid and supportive services to needy families for the maximum time limit of 5 years or 60 months *and* the 12 month transition period after our clients exceed income eligibility.

TANF programs are designed to meet the specific needs of Indian communities and provide cultural enrichment activities and education workshops for our participants.

Q: What is Career Development?

A: Career Development is guidance and support TANF has resources available to assist our clients to find their career of choice and start their way to becoming self sufficient.
The program can help pay for the cost of meeting work and educational requirements by paying for books, school uniforms, tuition, supplies, childcare, clothing allowance and transportation expenses.

Q: What is Child Care?

A: Child care is a supportive service geared towards helping our clients continue with their academics or continue working full time by maintaining a healthy environment for their children.

Career Development

Here at Torres Martinez Tribal TANF, we are honored and proud to announce our presence in the greater Los Angeles County area to provide culturally sensitive services to the American Indian community. Our focus is on our youth, as well as adult members of our community who want to stop the generational cycle of welfare dependency by providing one-on-one services that will prepare you for meaningful careers and employment through education and other supportive services.

On the road to becoming self-sufficient, a TANF participant is required by law to participate in a thirty hour a week work program in order to maintain their cash assistance through TANF. *

Some examples of work participation and assistance include the following:

- **Employment** (full or part time) equaling 30 hours per week.
- **Work Experience** (with a supervisory component)
- **On the Job Training**
- **Post Secondary/Vocational Educational Training**
- **Job skills training related directly to Employment**
- **Life Skills training**
- **School and/or Job placement**

The Torres-Martinez Tribal TANF program is not restricted to other activities not listed that may constitute work participation hours.

Child Care Department

The Child Care Department is available to you if you are in school, working, trade school, attending a TANF workshop, using the TANF computer lab, job training or searching, going through counseling in our TANF Marriage Promotions Department, Substance Abuse, Mental Abuse, and Domestic Violence or 12-Step Program. Not only does working or attending school full time allow you child care, so do culturally relevant activities like Talking Circles, Native language classes or functions, Bird Singing, Cultural Song and Dance activities.

- We service children from 0-12 years old.
- We allow the following child care providers:
  1. Day Care Facility
  2. A Home set up as a Day Care
  3. Someone coming into the clients home.
  4. Family member acting as a care provider.

The TANF Child Care Department also facilitates various workshops and classes in the following areas for both the parent and the child care provider:

- Basic First Aid
- Adult/Child/Infant CPR training and certification
- Parenting Classes
- Money Management Classes

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We serve all eligible families who are members of a Federally Recognized Tribe

or

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