



THE NAVAJO NATION
 NAVAJO DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES
DEPARTMENT FOR SELF RELIANCE

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PUBLIC COMMENT SHEET

Please check one of the following:

Current DSR Customer Former DSR Customer Non-DSR Customer

Representative for the following program/company: _____

Age: _____ **Gender:** Female Male **Community Where You Live:** _____

Do you have a minor child(ren) between the ages of 0 - 18 years old? Yes No

The Department for Self Reliance (DSR) is requesting comment(s) on the following proposed changes:

1. The DSR is proposing to disqualify a Customer who physically assaults or verbally threatens the safety of a DSR employee(s). For the first incident, the Customer will be disqualified for a period of six (6) months. A second incident shall result in permanent disqualification. The assault(s) and/or threat(s) must be substantiated by a police report(s).

How do you feel about disqualifying Customers who assault or threaten a DSR employee(s)? *(Select one and provide your reason).*

I agree,

I disagree,

because _____

2. The DSR is proposing to make a Legal Parent ineligible for DSR assistance if they were convicted for Felony Sexual Assault in the last ten (10) years and will count their income and assets in determining the Benefits Group's eligibility.

What do you think about this proposed change? *(Select one and provide your reason).*

I agree,

I disagree,

because _____



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- The DSR is proposing to require Legal Custodial Parents of a Minor Child(ren) to file an application with the Navajo Nation Department of Child Support Services (NDCSS) or have an existing NDCSS or State Child Support case and comply with the requirements of the NDCSS or State Child Support Program, unless an exemption is granted. (Exemptions listed on Page 14)

What do you think about making Child Support an eligibility requirement for DSR Assistance? *(Select one and provide your reason).*

- I agree,
- I disagree,

because _____

- The DSR is proposing to require Step-Parents to be included in a DSR Benefit Group if they are Legally Married to the parent of a child(ren) in the benefit group.

What do you think about this proposed change? *(Select one and provide your reason).*

- I agree,
- I disagree,

because _____

- The DSR is proposing to require DSR Customers who participate in Subsidized Adult Employment (SAE) or Adult Extended Training programs to reimburse the DSR for half (50%) of the expenses incurred on their behalf if they refuse a legitimate job offer after they complete their SAE or Extended Training program.

What do you think about this proposed change? *(Select one and provide your reason).*

- I agree,
- I disagree,

because _____



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6. The DSR is proposing to require all Adults in the Benefit Group to attend at least one (1) workshop or training session sponsored by the DSR Education and Career Services each quarter, unless exempted. (Exemptions listed on page 24).

How do you feel about this proposed change? *(Select one and provide your reason).*

- I agree,
- I disagree,

because _____

7. The DSR is proposing to require school-aged children to have acceptable school attendance and grades as a requirement to receive DSR Assistance and Support Services, including school clothing?

- **Acceptable Attendance** is an attendance rate of at least 80% during a grading period or as determined by the assigned case worker.
- **Acceptable Grades** is a grade point average of 1.7 (“C” letter grade) or better.

How do you feel about this proposed change? *(Select one and provide your reason).*

- I agree,
- I disagree,

because _____

8. Do you have any recommendations or suggestions on how DSR can better serve children and families?

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



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Return your comments to a DSR Office by mail, e-mail or in person:

Mail comments to:

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Attention: Public Comments

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Email Comments to:

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Subject: Public Comments

All comments must be received by the DSR on or before January 31, 2024.