WHAT IS MORONGO TRIBAL TANF PROGRAM (MTTP)?

MTTP provides time-limited (60 months) assistance to eligible, Native families with children who are in need of cash aid and supportive services. Emphasis is on self-sufficiency through job preparation, work and education, while addressing barriers through services such as child care and transportation assistance. MTTP also provides prevention and family formation services designed to strengthen life skills and preserve Native American culture.

FOUR PURPOSES OF TANF

1. To provide assistance to needy families so that children may be cared for their own homes or in homes of relatives;

2. To end the dependence of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work, and marriage;

3. To prevent and reduce out-of-wedlock pregnancies;

4. To encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.

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ELIGIBILITY
Eligibility requirements for MTTP:

⇒ Total family income must be equal to or less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.
⇒ Countable resources cannot exceed $10,000.00 per family.
⇒ Native/Non-Native parent(s) with an eligible minor child. * Expectant Native parent may be eligible in the third month of pregnancy.
⇒ Needy/Non-needy caretakers with eligible Native American child(ren) in the household that meet the above criteria may apply.
⇒ Must show proof of residency and U.S. citizenship/eligible immigration status.

SERVICE POPULATIONS
Banning Site (Riverside County) serves eligible Native American families:

⇒ Who reside on the Morongo Reservation and are members/descendants of a Federally recognized Tribe or of the California Judgement Roll
⇒ Who are Morongo Descendants residing on the Morongo Reservation or in the off-reservation areas of Riverside County, excluding the city of Riverside
⇒ Who are enrolled Morongo Tribal members residing anywhere in Riverside County

San Bernardino Site (San Bernardino County) serves eligible Native American families:

⇒ Who reside in the off-reservation areas of San Bernardino County and are members/descendants of a Federally recognized Tribe, Alaska Natives, or members/descendants of the California Judgement Roll
⇒ Who are enrolled Morongo Tribal members residing anywhere in San Bernardino County

SERVICES PROVIDED
MTTP provides a variety of services based on eligibility.

CASH ASSISTANCE:
⇒ Monthly cash aid based on family size and income

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES:
⇒ Child Care (if eligible)
⇒ Transportation Assistance
⇒ Work Supports (i.e., clothing, tools)
⇒ Job Development Services (i.e., Subsidized Employment Program (SEP), Job Placement, Resume Writing, Computer Skills, Interviewing Skills, etc.)
⇒ Education Assistance (i.e., GED, vocational programs)
⇒ Incentives (i.e., good grades for youth)

PREVENTION PROGRAMS:
⇒ Native American Culture and Tradition classes (i.e., beadwork, basket making)
⇒ Healthy Relationships classes
⇒ Family Formation activities
⇒ Literacy classes
⇒ Fitness classes
⇒ Parenting classes
⇒ Youth Empowerment classes
⇒ Job Development

APPLICATION PROCESS
Applicants must submit the following documents with a completed application for consideration of services and assistance:

⇒ Tribal certification (Tribal ID, Certificate Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB), Letter of Tribal Descendancy
⇒ Residency verification (current utility bill and rental agreement/mortgage statement)
⇒ Identity verification for all members of the Family Assistance Unit:
  *Valid photo identification cards (Adult only)
  *Birth certificates
  *Social Security cards

⇒ Children’s Information
  *Guardianship/custody documentation (if applicable)
  *Child Support information (paid, received or proof of application for child support required)
⇒ Updated immunization records for all children under age 6
⇒ School enrollment and attendance verification for all school-aged children
⇒ Proof of pregnancy with unborn child(ren)'s expected date of birth (if applicable)

⇒ Income verification for last 6 months (i.e., wages/pay stubs, per capita payments, revenue sharing, worker's compensation, SSI, SSDI, SDI, SSP, VA, income tax refund, loans, gifts, spousal support, etc.)
⇒ Unemployment Insurance Benefits (EDD) or proof of application, if applicable, for the last 18 months
⇒ Verification of potentially available income if applicable (i.e., Railroad benefits, VA, SSDI, etc.)
⇒ Aid verification (i.e., County Passport to Services, Tribal Commodities, housing subsidy, financial aid)
⇒ Resource and asset verification from last 30 days (i.e., bank statement(s), property deeds, life insurance, annuity statements, statements for stocks/bonds/money market accounts, etc.)
⇒ Vehicle information (registration, insurance information, payment verification)

• All required documents must be provided within 30 days of application. Additional documentation may be requested.