



Pechanga Tribal T.A.N.F. (Tribal Assistance to Native Families)

When Relatives Care for Children

WHO IS A RELATIVE CAREGIVER?

A relative caregiver, is a relative who exercises responsibility for the day-to-day care and control of a related child. This includes siblings, aunts, uncles, grandparents, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

If you are a relative caregiver who has taken in a child and **has been designated as having temporary guardianship/custody of the child** (by agreement with the parent, Pechanga Children & Family Services, or Tribal Court) until the biological or custodial parent is able to care for the child, this child is eligible to receive TANF funded assistance and/or services as a “child only” case. It is Pechanga Tribal TANF’s intent to provide culturally relevant support services and assistance that promotes placement with a relative caregiver.



ELIGIBILITY FOR A RELATIVE

A Pechanga Tribal TANF family advocate will determine if you are eligible as a “child only” case. The following are the minimum requirements for eligibility:

- ❖ Head of Household must reside on the Pechanga Indian Reservation or in the off reservation areas of Orange County or Riverside County.
- ❖ Head of Household or child must be an enrolled Pechanga member.
- ❖ The child is under 18 years old and is not in foster care.
- ❖ You are related to the child by blood or by marriage.
- ❖ The child’s biological parent is not residing in the home.
- ❖ The adult has a **temporary custodial relationship** with the child.



If you would like more information about how Pechanga Tribal TANF can assist you or the eligibility requirements, please call

951-770-6164

