

EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR

Child support truly is an investment in our children and future. The Eastern Sierra Department of Child Support Services serving both Inyo and Mono Counties, has worked with tribal and non-tribal parents over the years to ensure that children and families receive court-ordered financial and medical support they need. As everyone in this room knows, child support increases family self-sufficiency, reduces child poverty, and has a positive effect on a child's educational and other life achievements.

In pursuit of improving the lives of tribal children and their families, the Bishop Paiute Tribe, Tribal Council, Tribal Administration, and Tribal Court changed the landscape of intergovernmental relations with their adoption of Ordinance 2012-03.

Ordinance 2012-03 was adopted in December 2012, by the Bishop Paiute Tribe's Tribal Council. With this historic step, the Bishop Paiute Tribe, a tribal sovereign, will begin honoring child support income withholding orders for tribal members employed by tribal entities. The leadership and effort undertaken by the Tribe to adopt this historic Ordinance represents the care and importance the Tribe places on the welfare of tribal children and their families. Bishop Paiute Tribal Council members and the Tribal Administration worked steadily over many years to evaluate and respond to concerns of tribal members regarding child support and the benefits it has on children and families. Through collaboration and commitment the Tribe has undertaken what is believed to be one of the first (if not only) legislative adoption of a tribal ordinance honoring child support orders issued by California courts.

Please join Eastern Sierra Department of Child Support Services in honoring this important achievement. Present to receive the prestigious Employer of the Year award on behalf of the Bishop Paiute Tribe is [Tribal Council Member, Earleen Williams](#).