## HO-CHUNK NATION DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISIONS:

Youth Services

Child and Family Services

**Community Support Services** 

**Tribal Aging** 

Child Support Agency

Statement of understanding

Please read the statement below, then sign and return this form with your application.

I understand that a child support action will be started for my child, and that my cooperation with the child support agency is necessary. I understand that I must cooperate by:

- Appearing promptly as directed for court and other appointments,
- Inform the child support agency of any change in address or telephone number.
- Answer all questions truthfully and as completely as possible.

If I am receiving public assistance and fail to cooperate, I understand that the child support agency is required to notify the economic support agency. I understand that unless I have established "Good Cause" for not cooperating, I and/or my family may be ineligible for public assistance.

If I am not receiving public assistance and fail to cooperate, I understand that the child support agency will close my case and stop efforts to collect support for my child(ren).

I understand that the child support attorney who appears at a child support hearing represents the Ho-Chunk Nation, not individual parents. Child support services provided by this attorney do not create an attorney-client relationship. I understand that the interest of the Ho-Chunk Nation, the child(ren) for whom support is sought, and the parents are not necessarily the same and may be in conflict. In addition, I understand that any information received as a result of a child support investigation or proceeding may be used by the Ho-Chunk Nation in related investigations or proceedings. I understand that the child support agency staff cannot become involved in disputes over child custody or physical placement (visitation), and cannot offer me legal advice. I understand that if I want legal advice, I should contact a private attorney.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand this information.

Signature

Date

The Ho-Chunk Nation is an equal-opportunity service provider. If you have a disability and need information in an alternate form, or need it translated to another language, please contact us to schedule an appointment.