



Navajo Nation Division of Social Services



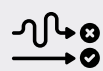
The 477 Program helps the Navajo Nation Division of Social Services (NNDSS) combine different services from various federal sources. This program works to make these services easier to access and more effective. It also aims to cut down on managing, reporting, and accounting costs for these services. The 477 Program offers a One-Stop-Shop, where our people can get the necessary help all in one place. By merging the administrative tasks of multiple grants, it saves money. The 477 Program gives the Diné people and families the resources and support to become financially independent through Taa hwo ajit' eego.

The 477 Program helps the Diné in several ways:



1 Combining Sources

The law allows the NNDSS to combine resources from different federal programs into one pool. This means we can use resources flexibly without being tied to each program's specific rules and restrictions.



2 Simplifying Rules

Instead of following many different sets of rules for each funding source, the NNDSS can follow one set of rules for the combined funds. This makes it easier to manage the money and reduces the complexity of complying with multiple regulations.



3 Easier Reporting

When these federal sources are combined, the NNDSS only has one set of reports and paperwork. This reduces the time and effort spent on administration and allows more focus on providing services.



4 Better Planning

By having more control over how the money is used, the NNDSS can create programs that better suit community needs. We can plan and implement projects promoting Taa hwo ajit' eego without specific requirements and limitations of each funding source.



5 Increased Flexibility

NNDSS can respond more quickly to changing needs and priorities. If a particular area needs more funding, we can reallocate resources without waiting for approval from multiple federal programs.



6 Centralized Intake

Central intake form will make it easier to get help and save time by filling out just one form. This helps keep all the information in one place, so internal referrals between departments can be easily made.