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Navajo Nation Division for Children and Family Services Executive Director Thomas Cody released the following statement:

"The Division for Children and Family Services is not impacted by the federal government shutdown. The division has enough funds to continue operating in the new fiscal year. All our programs remain open.

"The P.L. 102-477 Plan went live for the Division October 1, 2025. The '477 Plan' implements comprehensive, wrap-around services where visitors and callers will be received by a Welcome Team who will engage with them and make referrals. This will address challenges such as lack of communication and follow-up with our members.

"One program that is affected in the new fiscal year is the Navajo School Clothing and School Supplies Program. The Division is seeking \$1,952,400 from Navajo Nation general funds through Legislation 0225-25. The funding will provide 9,762 students with \$200 each in assistance. This program is for eligible Navajo children ages 3-18 years old to purchase clothing and supplies of their choice to promote school attendance, encourage academic performance and to support self-confidence. The allocation in CS-44-25 did not provide adequate funding for this program.

"Thank you to the public for your support in our efforts as we enter the new fiscal year."

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