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The Yurok Tribal IV-D Agency will have two years to develop its program. In that time, the Tribe will have lots to do. They have to hire additional staff, design the case management procedures, and put together all the forms they will need to do business. In addition, they will have to make decisions on what form their case automation will take. At the end of two years, the Tribe will begin to accept cases and to offer child support services. At this point, Ms. Bareilles has decided she will go slowly in building up the Yurok caseload while she and her staff are learning the process.

In November of 2011, a number of staff members from this office along with George Chance of State DCSS met with Ms. Bareilles and Judge Abby Abinanti, the chief judge of the Yurok Tribal Court. The meeting was intended to begin the process of working with the Tribe on how best to coordinate our efforts to assist them through the start-up period. We discussed the idea of Ms. Bareilles sharing office space within our office and, after she discussed the concept within the Tribe, they agreed. We are moving forward with a sublease for parts of our child support office. I believe the lease agreement will be signed very soon.

Separate and apart from the lease will be a three-way agreement between the California Department of Child Support Services, the Yurok Tribal IV-D agency, and the Humboldt County Department of Child Support Services. That agreement will deal with the necessary confidentiality and security issues surrounding the sharing of cases and case information. It will also serve as a blueprint for how the State, counties, and the Tribe are going to work together to transfer cases back and forth.