



National Indian Child Care Association

Early care and education in the

Child Care and Development Fund Program

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265

CCDF programs



300,000

children served*



393.3

millions of dollars

*This figure is an estimate and based on no true data numbers available.

Purpose



Promote the stability of child care arrangements for children.



Contributes to improved job stability and is important to family's financial health



Minimizes disruptions to a child's development and learning by promoting continuity of care.



The Basics

Funding

Through the Child Care and Development Block Grant

Eligibility

Tribal citizens, children under the age of 13, at or below income threshold, working or in job training

Flexibility

Flexibility to determine service provision within a framework

Family Costs

Sliding fees determined by Tribe

Services

Child care, quality early learning, coordination of resources, research, technical assistance, language & culture

Types of Care

Center-based child care, family child care, and in-home child care

Benefits



Economic benefit for family



Stability of child care



Continued relationships for child



Flexibility for determining eligibility of vulnerable children



More child-focused



Most vulnerable children have access to high-quality care

Strengths

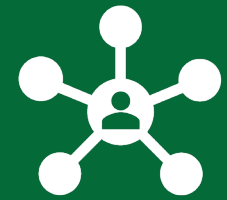


Achievement of the best outcomes for the development of children



Stable relationships lead to healthy, stable children who are free to grow, explore, and learn

The Role We Play



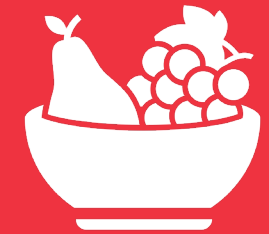
Supporting and
responsive
relationships



Safe and stable
environments



Positive experiences
and environmental
influences



Health
nutrition



Child care during
COVID-19



“The Tribes have been the most helpful during this entire process. The state has given little to no help in navigating Covid-19.”



Today, we are at a critical crossroads.

We have the opportunity to not only improve child care, but to **create better early childhood education systems** that will support our families' quest towards self-sufficiency and truly prepare our children for the future.