



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

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Through the Child Care and Development Block Grant

## Eligibility

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

## Flexibility

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Flexibility to determine service provision within a framework

## Family Costs

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Sliding fees determined by Tribe

## Services

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

## Types of Care

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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.