

Mission Statement of the Child Care Bureau and CCDF?

The Child Care Bureau's Mission

The Child Care Bureau is dedicated to enhancing the quality, affordability, and availability of child care for all families. The Child Care Bureau administers federal funds to states, territories, and tribes to assist low-income families in accessing quality child care for children when the parents work or participate in educational or training programs. It is this mission that **CCDF** is built upon.

The Child Care and Development Fund program, or as it is referred to, **CCDF**, is distributed on a yearly basis to all federally recognized tribal grantees and Tribal Lead Agencies, such as *California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc.*

Child Care Services Funded by CCDF: Subsidized child care services are available to eligible families through certificates or contracts with parents. Parents may select any state-operated child care provider or license-exempt child care provider, such as a relative. Child care providers serving children funded by CCDF must meet basic health and safety requirements set by states and tribes. These requirements must address prevention and control of infectious diseases, including immunizations; building and physical premises safety; and minimum health and safety training.

Tribes may use a portion of their funds to construct child care facilities provided there is no reduction in the current level of child care services.



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Do you need help with your child care costs? Call our office and see how we help you meet those costs.



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How Does a Family Apply for CCDF Subsidies?

A tribal family may apply for CCDF funding so long as they are members of a Tribe that is within the CCDF Consortium. The family must meet all of the eligibility criteria in order to receive funding.

Applications available:

- *By calling the CCDF program and requesting a CCDF Application; or*
- *By getting the CCDF Application packet from your Tribal Office*

All applications are reviewed by the CCDF coordinator. Questions regarding income eligibility need to be directed to the CCDF coordinator.



Once the Family qualifies for CCDF, how are the monies distributed?

Once a family has qualified to receive funding and has identified the child care provider, the child care provider sends in Service Logs to the CCDF. The Service Logs are given to the child care provider by the CCDF Coordinator. The Service Logs are reviewed by the CCDF Coordinator, sent to CRIHB's Finance Department and processed accordingly. The subsidy is then sent directly to the child care provider in a timely fashion.

What type of Child Care is allowed by the CCDF program?

Once a family has met all of the eligibility criteria, the families can choose from the following types of child care to have subsidized:

- State Licensed Day Care;
- After School programs;
- Non-Licensed Family Member Day Care - limited to Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles and some cousins;
- Non-Licensed Family Home and Group Home Day Care.



The choice is left up to the parent. Currently, CRIHB subsidizes more Non-License Family Member Day Care. Parents tend to feel more secure when their children are being cared for by a family member.

What makes a family eligible to receive funding?

Eligibility is based on:

- Tribal membership.
- Income based.
- Child(ren) must be under 13 years of age.
- Preference given to families on TANF
- Applicant must be either a part-time student or work a minimum of 25 hours a week.
- Preference also given to children with disabilities.
- Families whose income is at or about 85% of the State Median Income may also apply.



Do I have to live on tribal land to qualify?

No. You are not restricted to tribal land to receive CCDF subsidies. You may reside anywhere in the state of California, so long as you or your child is a registered tribal member.

What other benefits do I receive by joining the CCDF/CRIHB consortium?

Along with having trained staff available to answer your questions, process your paperwork efficiently, you have access to some of CRIHB's other programs.

- Injury prevention training.
- First Aid training.
- Car Safety Seat training.
- Tribal Head Start programs.
- Dental Support and Hygiene training.
- Health Education trainings.

All of these trainings and programs will go directly to your area to provide training to help you and your provider care for your little ones.



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