



June 1, 2020

RE: Snoqualmie Indian Tribe Child Care and Early Learning Program

Dear Tribal Member,

The Tribe's CCDF (Child Care & Development) grant has been awarded additional funding and new federal guidelines and thus has been able to make some changes to the CCDF program which we believe to be beneficial for our General Welfare Childcare and Early Learning Benefit applicants. The CCDF grant is no longer income based for eligibility and no longer requires the applicant to have assistance need (applicant does not need to be working, in school, job searching, etc)

The Tribe's CCDF program can now cover costs associated with the following:

1. Child Care- Licensed Facility, licensed family/group home, or in home care by a relative provider
2. Early Learning tuition-State Licensed Center/Program/School must be under Kindergarten grade level
3. Before & After School Care or Summer Camps/Care-Licensed Facility, licensed family/group home, or in home care by a relative provider

To qualify the applicant must:

1. The applicant and child must reside in King, Snohomish, or Pierce county;
2. The minor for which serves are being rendered must be: enrolled or a direct descendant of an enrolled member;
3. Minor be under the age of 13; and
4. Must reapply every 16 months and utilize a provider that meets the criteria below.

To qualify the provider/school/program must:

1. Be a state licensed child care or early learning program or a non-licensed relative provider over 18 years old (limited to grandparent, great-grandparent, aunt, uncle or adult sibling (sibling cannot reside in same home));
2. Must be willing to accept 3rd party payments by the Tribe, this program does not allow for reimbursements;
3. Must be willing to provide invoices and/or timesheet;
4. Payment can be issued monthly or quarterly; but cannot be issued as a yearly lump sum; and
5. All payments issued under this program follow standard guidelines with concerns to tax requirements for compensation for child care services or tuition. A 1099-MISC may be issued to the vendor.



Benefits

This program is more beneficial to the Tribal applicant in the following ways:

1. The per month funding cap for cost of care or cost of tuition for an eligible child is higher than the funds issued by any of our Tribal programs. Please reach out to the CCDF childcare@snoqualmietribe.us to find out your child's monthly rate.
2. An application for this program is only required to be submitted every 16 months.
3. An approved family and approved provider/program that is on the grant is eligible to receive mini grants throughout the year that can provide health/safety, educational enrichment, and cultural immersion tools.
4. The grant can pay registration fees, field trip fees, late pick up fees, and other supplemental costs without the cost being deducted from the applicant's monthly funding cap.

The following are additional program requirements:

1. The applicant must submit income documents these are not used to qualify the applicant but are used for demographic reporting for the grant.
 - a. The application notes that income is used to calculate the family's contribution or co-pay. Snoqualmie Tribal Members are exempt from co-payments.
2. The applicant must provide a lease or mortgage to confirm residency in the grant service area, if not available a utility bill will be allowed.
3. The applicant's school or provider must be state licensed unless child care is being provided by a relative. The applicant can check if their provider is state licensed at <https://www.findchildcarewa.org/> Or by emailing childcare@snoqualmietribe.us with the name of the facility or program.
4. If the applicant chooses to utilize the grant for the purposes of childcare or early learning than the applicant cannot access/combine a Tribe, State, or other program similar in nature. (i.e. if the applicant uses the grant for Early Learning tuition payments the applicant cannot access the Tribe's Early Education benefit)

This program is funded by a federal grant and funding is available on a first come first serve basis. Once approved your funding and rate are guaranteed for your 16 month approval period. The approval process can take up to 14 days so we do suggest applying early even if you do not need child care immediately or if your child's early learning program does not start till late summer or early fall.

If you choose to utilize this program in place of the Tribe's Early Education Benefit please note that all documents need to be submitted to childcare@snoqualmietribe.us and program contact is Bessie MedicineBird, CCDF Administrator-General Resources Department.



This program can also be utilize in place of the Tribe's General Welfare Child Care program or any Before and After School Care paid through the Tribe's K-12 Benefit.

We look forward to working with you and your family on your childcare and early education needs!

Sincerely,
The Snoqualmie Tribe-CCDF Program
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CC:
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