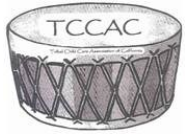


Tribal Child Care Association of California (TCCAC)



TCCAC is an Association of child care professionals specializing in working with Native American families, children and communities. The Association focuses on the needs of tribally regulated child care and education settings, both on and off tribal lands.

The Association is comprised of individuals who work for tribal lead agencies/grantees administering the Child Care and Development Fund Program. The TCCAC has joined together to provide professional support and technical assistance to Tribes with child care programs and to unify tribal voices to educate local, state and federal agencies as to the strength and existence of tribal child care programs.

TCCAC Vision

The vision of the TCCAC is to enhance government-to-government relationships among Tribes and unite for education, collaboration, communication and coordination to support high-quality, culturally relevant early care and education programs that honor Native American children, families and communities.

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Direct Services

PARENTS

- ◇ Inter-Tribal Council of California, Inc. (ITCC) Child Care Development Fund Program (CCDF) offers **Direct Payments/ Certificates to Providers on Behalf of Parents**—Based on parents' income, co-payments may be required to cover full cost of care. ITCC CCDF makes direct payment to providers. Certificate/payments are mailed.
- ◇ ITCC offers resources on effective parenting strategies and best practices, age development material,
- ◇ Cultural activities, events, and trainings to encourage healthy, nurturing, enriching relationships with children.

PROVIDERS

- ◇ Information on licensing requirements, nutrition, safety, etc.
- ◇ Site assessment for child care providers.
- ◇ Stipends to attend CPR and First Aid Certification.
- ◇ Information on sample daily schedules, and other sample child care business documents for child care providers.
- ◇ Assistance in locating support services such as networks, grants and loans, etc.

Quality Activities

Professional Development for Child Care Providers- Providers can earn **\$25 and \$50 stipends** up to the amount of \$250.00 per year to attend training. Eligible trainings are put on by the provider's local child care resource and referral agency. Call ITCC CCDF to get the contact information for your county or go to the California Child Care Resource and Referral Network's website at <http://www.rnetwork.org/>.



Financial Assistance and Grants for Providers- To maintain safe environments for children, ITCC CCDF will assist providers in maintaining compliance with minimum tribal child care health and safety standards. For more information see the ACF guide at: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccb/ta/pubs/ms/ms1.htm>

Children in need of protective custody
Children in need of **protective custody** (i.e. court or agency has the authority to regulate a child's residence) are among ITCC's highest priority for services and will be placed at the top of any waiting list.



ITCC's CCDF Eligibility Requirements

All workshops are open to the general public unless otherwise stated. ITCC will provide technical assistance to those Tribes who are administering their own CCDF program or will provide referrals and resource information. Vouchers are only available to the Tribes listed below and are based on income criteria and other conditions.

CONSORTIUM TRIBES

- ◇ Big Pine
- ◇ Benton
- ◇ Chemehuevi
- ◇ Elem
- ◇ Laytonville
- ◇ Middletown
- ◇ Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians
- ◇ Redwood Valley
- ◇ Trinidad
- ◇ Huja-l-el-ti (Woodfords)

