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for  
TRIBE:**

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**FFY 2020-2022**

This Plan describes the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) program to be administered by the Tribal Lead Agency for the period 10/1/2019 – 9/30/2022. As provided for in the applicable statutes and regulations, the Tribal Lead Agency has the flexibility to modify this program at any time, including amending the options selected or described herein.

For purposes of simplicity and clarity, the specific provisions printed herein of applicable laws and regulations are sometimes paraphrases of, or excerpts and incomplete quotations from, the full text. The Tribal Lead Agency acknowledges its responsibility to adhere to them regardless of these modifications.



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## Introduction and How to Approach Plan Development

The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) program provides resources to State, Territory, and Tribal Lead Agencies that enable low-income parents to work or pursue education and training so that they can better support their families and promote the learning and development of their children. The CCDF program also provides funding to enhance the quality of child care for all children. On November 19, 2014, the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act of 2014 was signed into law (Pub. L. 113-186). The law reauthorizes and significantly revises the purposes of the CCDF program and requirements for States and Territories, but Congress left discretion to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to determine how new provisions would apply to Tribes.

In September 2016, the CCDF Final Rule was released which outlined the regulatory requirements for the CCDF program based on the CCDBG Act of 2014. The CCDF requirements strengthen the requirements to protect the health and safety of children in child care; help parents make informed consumer choices and access information to support child development; provide equal access to stable child care for low-income children; and enhance the quality of child care and the early childhood workforce. Tribal flexibility includes tiered requirements based on the size of their FY 2016 CCDF allocation: tribes with small, medium, and large allocations.

The CCDF Final Rule exempts *tribes with small allocations* (less than \$250,000 in FY 2016) from the majority of the CCDF requirements, allowing those Tribes more flexibility in how to spend their CCDF funds and to focus those funds on health and safety and quality activities. *Tribes with small allocations* must spend their CCDF funds in alignment with the goals and purposes of CCDF and comply with the health and safety, monitoring, background checks, and quality spending requirements. To align with these limited CCDF requirements, *Tribes with small allocations* will complete an abbreviated CCDF Plan. This approach balances increased flexibility with accountability and allows *Tribes with small allocations* to spend their CCDF funds in ways that would most benefit their communities.

The CCDF Plan developed by Tribal Lead Agencies is the primary mechanism that the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) uses to determine Tribal Lead Agency compliance with the requirements of the law and the Final Rule. This CCDF Plan preprint consists of two parts aligned with the flexibility Tribes have based on the size of their CCDF allocation.

Part I (*For Tribes with small, medium, and large allocations*):

- 1) Define CCDF Leadership and Coordination with Relevant Systems;
- 2) Establish Standards and Monitoring Processes to Ensure the Health and Safety of Child Care Settings;
- 3) Supporting Continuous Quality Improvement; and
- 4) *Tribes with small allocations*: Direct Services.

CCDF Plan Effective Date: October 1, 2019

Amended Effective Date: [Insert Date as Amended]



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Part II (*For Tribes with medium and large allocations only*):

- 5) Provide Stable Child Care Financial Assistance to Families;
- 6) Ensure Equal Access to Quality Child Care for Low-Income Children; and
- 7) Promote Family Engagement through Outreach and Consumer Education.

These sections reflect key functions of an integrated system of child care for low-income working families. The intention is that Tribal Lead Agencies and the federal government will be able to use this information to track and assess progress, determine the need for technical assistance (TA), and determine compliance with specific requirements and deadlines.

**Plan Amendments: Tribal Lead Agencies are required to request approval from the Office of Child Care (OCC) whenever a “substantial” change in the Tribal Lead Agency’s approved CCDF Plan occurs.** Please refer to the ACF Program Instruction regarding CCDF Approval of Plan Amendments [CCDF-ACF-PI-2009-01](#) for specific details and timelines specific to the Plan amendment process.

Please note that all requirements not fully implemented by the Final Rule deadline are subject to compliance actions, such as corrective action plans and/or penalties in accordance with CCDF regulations.

Tribal Lead Agencies are encouraged to access additional guidance for their CCDF Plans through:

- [Tribal Child Care And Development Fund: Guide for New Administrators](#)
- [CCDF Final Rule: Overview for American Indian and Alaska Native Grantees](#)
- [Child Care And Development Fund Final Rule Tribal Fact Sheet](#)

Additional questions should be directed to the OCC Regional Office.



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## 1 Define CCDF Leadership and Coordination with Relevant Systems

This section provides information on how the CCDF program is administered, including the designated Tribal Lead Agency and the administrative structure. It also addresses who was consulted in the development of the Tribal CCDF Plan and how the Tribal Lead Agency plans to coordinate CCDF services with other entities.

### 1.1 Tribal CCDF Applicant

1.1.1 Tribal Applicant – Official name of Tribe as listed in the Federal Register or Tribal Consortium.

a. Tribe or Tribal Consortium Information:

Name of the Federally Recognized Tribe (or Tribal Consortium):

Oneida Nation

Name of Tribal Chair/President/Leader:

Tehassi Hill

Title:

Chairman

Address:

PO Box 365

City, State, Zip Code:

Oneida, WI 54155

Telephone Number:

920.869.4364

Ext: 4420

Email Address:

rhill7@oneidation.org



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1.1.2 Are you a Tribal Consortium?

No ([Skip to Section 1.2](#))

Yes.

Provide a comprehensive list of the participating member Tribes/Alaska Native Villages and include current demonstrations from the consortium's participating Tribes indicating that the consortium has the authority to seek funding on their behalf. Examples of demonstrations include a Tribal Resolution, a letter signed by the current Tribal Leader, or another official document from the Tribal/Village government (98.80(c)(1-4); 98.81(b)(8)(i)).

For Alaska Native Regional Nonprofit Corporations, the list and demonstrations are for purposes of Discretionary Funds only.

a. The list is provided as Attachment #:

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b. The demonstrations are provided as Attachment #:

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**If there is any change in the consortium membership, the Tribal Lead Agency must notify OCC through an amendment to the Plan.** Any consortium member Tribe seeking to apply for its own CCDF grant funds must first withdraw from the Tribal consortium and contact OCC to initiate a separate application for its own funds. OCC must receive the application on or before July 1 prior to the year in which the Tribe is seeking CCDF funds.



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**A Tribal Consortium must describe how it coordinates services on behalf of each of its participating member Tribes/Villages.** Summarize how the consortium is coordinating services (including direct services) on behalf of each participating member (98.81(b)(8)(ii); 98.83(c)(1)).

1.1.2 c. Describe, including how child care services are provided to each member of a Tribe/Village:



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## 1.2 Designated Tribal Lead Agency

The Tribe or Tribal Consortium will designate an agency to represent the Tribe/consortium as the Tribal Lead Agency. This designated agency agrees to administer the Tribal CCDF program in accordance with applicable Federal laws and regulations and the provisions of this Plan, including the attached assurances and certifications (658D; 658E(c)(1)); 98.83(a)).

The Tribal Lead Agency can be a department or sub-agency such as the CCDF Department, Human Services Department, Workforce Development Department, etc., and in some cases, the Tribe will administer the CCDF program.

**Note: An amendment to the CCDF Tribal Plan is required in the event of a change in the designated Tribal Lead Agency.**

1.2.1 Which agency has been designated by the Tribe or Tribal Consortium to administer the CCDF program?

a. Name of Tribal Lead Agency:

Oneida Nation  
Economic Support Services

b. Web Address for Tribal Lead Agency (if any):

Economic\_support@oneidanation.org

1.2.2 Who is the Tribal CCDF Administrator?

Identify the CCDF Administrator designated by the Tribal Lead Agency, the day-to-day contact, or the person responsible for administering the Tribal CCDF program. If there is more than one designated contact with shared responsibility for administering the CCDF program, please identify the co-administrator/assistant administrator and include contact information.

a. Contact Information for the Tribal CCDF Administrator:

Name of Tribal CCDF Administrator:

Delia Smith

Title:

Community Economic Support Director



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Mailing Address:

PO Box 365  
Oneida WI 54155

Physical Address (if different than mailing address):

2640 West Point Rd  
Green Bay WI 54304

Phone Number:

920.490.3939 Ext. 3776

Email Address:

dsmith1@oneidanation.org

b. Contact Information for Tribal CCDF Co-Administrator/Assistant Administrator (if applicable):

Name of Tribal CCDF Co-Administrator/Assistant Administrator:

Cheryl Van Den Berg

Title:

Child Care Services Program Manager

Mailing Address (if different from above):

[Redacted Mailing Address]

Physical Address (if different than mailing address):

[Redacted Physical Address]

Phone Number:

920.490.3939 Ext. 3738



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Email Address:

cvanden2@oneidanation.org

### 1.3 Administration through Contracts or Agreements

The Tribal Lead Agency has broad authority to administer the CCDF program through contracts or agreements with other governmental, non-governmental, or other public or private local agencies. The Tribal Lead Agency remains the single point of contact and retains overall responsibility for the administration of the CCDF program (658D(b)(1)(A); 98.11(a)(3); 98.16(d)(1)). Examples of such agreements could include:

- A written agreement with another Tribal department to operate Tribal child care centers or to conduct training and monitoring, etc.
- A contract with the local child care resource and referral agency to operate the Tribe's child care program (including determining family eligibility and issuing payments to child care providers or providing high quality activities).

#### 1.3.1 Will the Tribal Lead Agency **directly** administer and operate the CCDF program (98.16(d)(1)?

This question does not apply to the demonstrations referenced in [Section 1.1.2](#) between a consortium and its participating/constituent member Tribes/Villages.

- Yes, the Tribal Lead Agency will directly administer and operate **all** aspects of the CCDF program.
- No, the Tribal Lead Agency **will not** directly administer and implement all aspects of the CCDF program.



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- 1.3.1 a. List the names of those entities that will administer/operate aspects of the CCDF program and describe which aspects of the CCDF program they will administer/operate. List and describe:



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- 1.3.1 a. 1. What processes will the Tribal Lead Agency use to monitor administrative and implementation responsibilities performed by other agencies? Describe:



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1.3.1 a. 2. *Optional: Include copies of the contracts or agreement as Attachment #:*

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#### **1.4 Consultation in the Development of the Tribal CCDF Plan**

**In the development of the Tribal CCDF Plan, the Tribal Lead Agency is required to consult with representatives of general purpose local/Tribal government (658D(b)(2); 98.10(c); 98.14(b)).**

Tribal Lead Agencies are also required to conduct a public hearing to provide an opportunity to comment on the provision of the child care services under the CCDF Plan (98.14(c)). For the purposes of developing this Plan, consultation involves meeting with, or obtaining input from, appropriate representatives of the Tribal community.



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1.4.1 Describe how the Tribal Lead Agency consulted with representatives of general purpose local/Tribal governments and any other entities in the development of this plan. Describe:

Networked with a variety of State CCDBG representativeness, Wisconsin Supporting Families Together Association, annual CCDF partnership meeting with community/department representatives, Preprint meetings including the Tribal Council representatives and other tribal CCDF Programs.



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- 1.4.2 Tribal Lead Agencies are required to conduct a public hearing to provide those interested with an opportunity to comment on the provision of child care services under the CCDF Plan (658D(b)(1)(C); 98.14(c)(1-3); 98.16(f)).

**The Tribal Lead Agency must conduct at least one public hearing prior to the submission of the Tribal CCDF Plan, but no earlier than January 1, 2019. The Tribal Lead Agency must provide a notice of the hearing throughout the Tribe's service area.** This notice must be provided no later than 20 days prior to the date of the hearing. Tribal Lead Agencies must make the contents of the Plan available to the public in advance of the hearing.

Describe the Tribal Lead Agency's public hearing process:

- a. Date(s) of public hearing notice(s) (at least 20 calendar days prior to the public hearing):

July 12, 2019

- b. Date(s) of public hearing(s) (no earlier than January 1, 2019):

Public Hearing date is August 1, 2019, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and open for comment period is open until August 23, 2019 4:30 p.m.



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1.4.2 c. Location(s) of the public hearing(s):

Oneida Social Service building  
Economic Support Services (Door #5)  
2640 West Point Rd.,  
Green Bay WI 54304

d. How was the public notified of the public hearing? Check all that apply.

Parent Newsletter

Tribal/Local Media

Internet. Provide website(s):

economic\_support@oneidanation.org  
oneida-nsn.gov

Social Media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, etc.)

Posting on community bulletin board or some other message board

Other. Describe:



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1.4.2 e. Describe how the input from the public hearing(s) was taken into consideration in the development of the final Plan:

- No input was received
- Input was received but not taken into consideration
- Input was incorporated into the plan in the following ways:

- Other. Describe:



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1.4.2 f. How was the content of the Plan made available throughout the service area prior to the public hearing? Check all that apply.

Tribal Offices (including CCDF offices)

Internet. Provide website(s):

www.oneida-nsn.gov/resources/economic-support/

Email

Other. Describe:

Daily inter-tribal communication

1.4.3 ***Tribes with small allocations*** are not required to make the final CCDF Plan or any subsequent Plans available to the public but have the flexibility to describe if applicable.

***Tribes with large and medium allocations*** should post their Plan and Plan amendments on a website, to the extent practicable.



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1.4.3 Describe how the Tribal Lead Agency makes the final CCDF Plan and any subsequent Plan Amendments available to the public to the extent practicable:

The CCDF plan was made available to the public via Internet website:  
[www.oneida-nsn.gov/resources/economic-support/](http://www.oneida-nsn.gov/resources/economic-support/) and through the Oneida CCDF office and upon request.



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## 1.5 Indian Child and Indian Reservation or Service Area

**Per the OCC Program Instruction, Tribes who submitted Tribal Child Count Declaration information by July 1, 2019, do not need to resubmit the information with their FY 2020-2022 Plan**  
[Skip to Section 1.7](#)

Identify which Indian child(ren) will be counted in your child count (98.81(b)(2)(i)).

### 1.5.1 Indian Child

Programs and activities are to be carried out for the benefit of Indian children.

While Tribal Lead Agencies have some flexibility in defining “Indian Child,” the definition must be limited to children from federally recognized Indian Tribes, consistent with the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act’s definition of Indian Tribe (98.2).

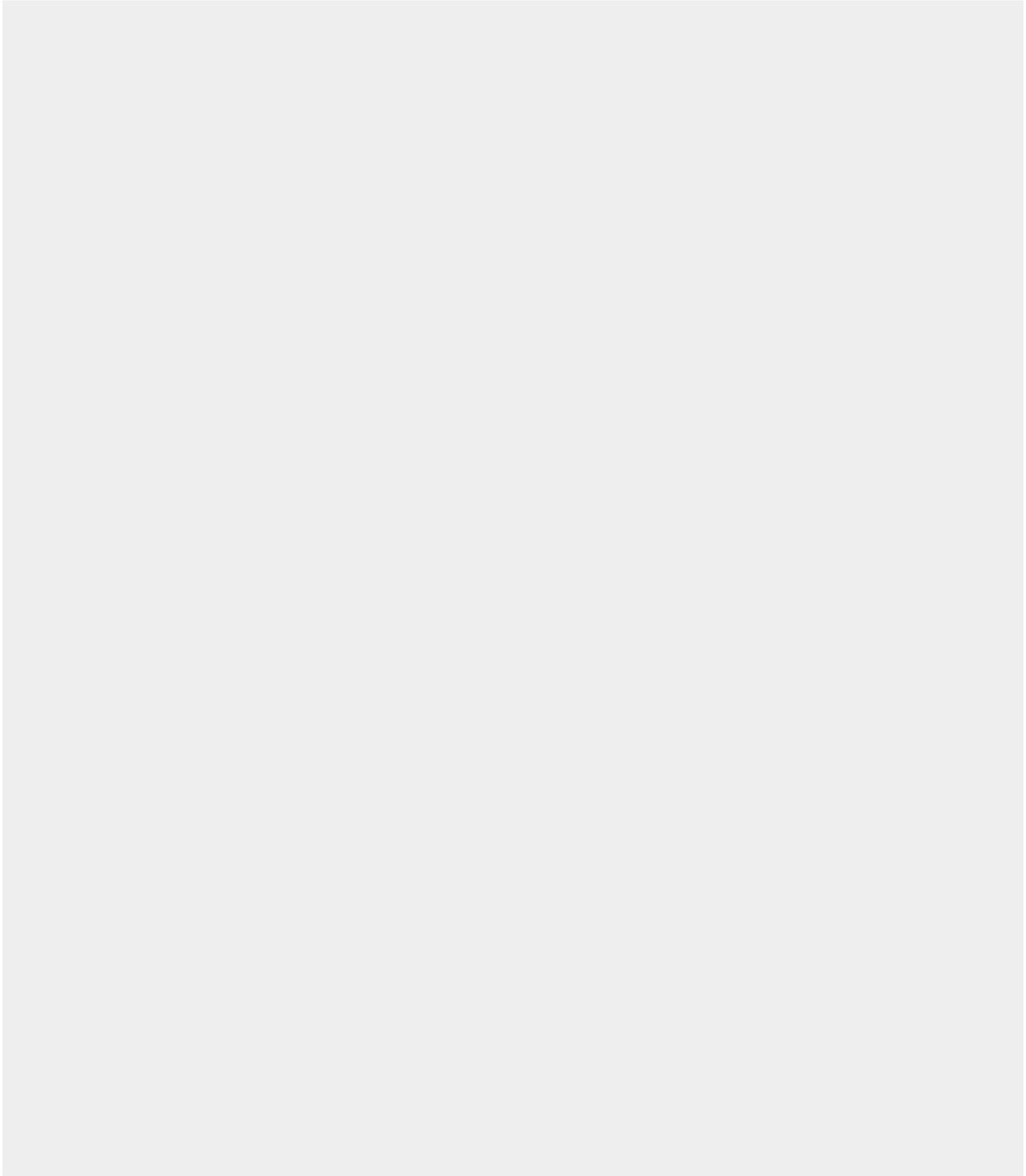
This could include children who are Tribal members, whose membership is pending, who are eligible for membership, and/or are children/descendants of members. This could also include adopted children, foster children, and step-children, etc.



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1.5.1 The Tribal Lead Agency defines an “Indian child” as:





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#### 1.5.2 Indian Reservation or Service Area

Programs and activities are to be carried out for the benefit of Indian children living on or near the Indian reservation or service area. The service area must be within a reasonably close geographic proximity to the borders of a Tribe's reservation (with the exception of Tribes in Alaska, California, and Oklahoma). Tribes that do not have reservations must establish service areas within reasonably close geographic proximity to the area where the Tribe's population resides.

There is an expectation that the Tribal Lead Agency will be able to provide services to families throughout the service area. ACF will not approve an entire State as a Tribe's service area. Tribes can limit services within the reservation boundaries or go beyond the reservation boundaries.

If a Tribal Lead Agency establishes a different service area for CCDF purposes, it must be within a reasonably close geographic proximity to the borders of the Tribe's reservation or existing service area (6580(c)(2)(B); 98.80(e); 98.81(b)(2)(ii); 98.81(b)(3)(ii); 98.83(b)).

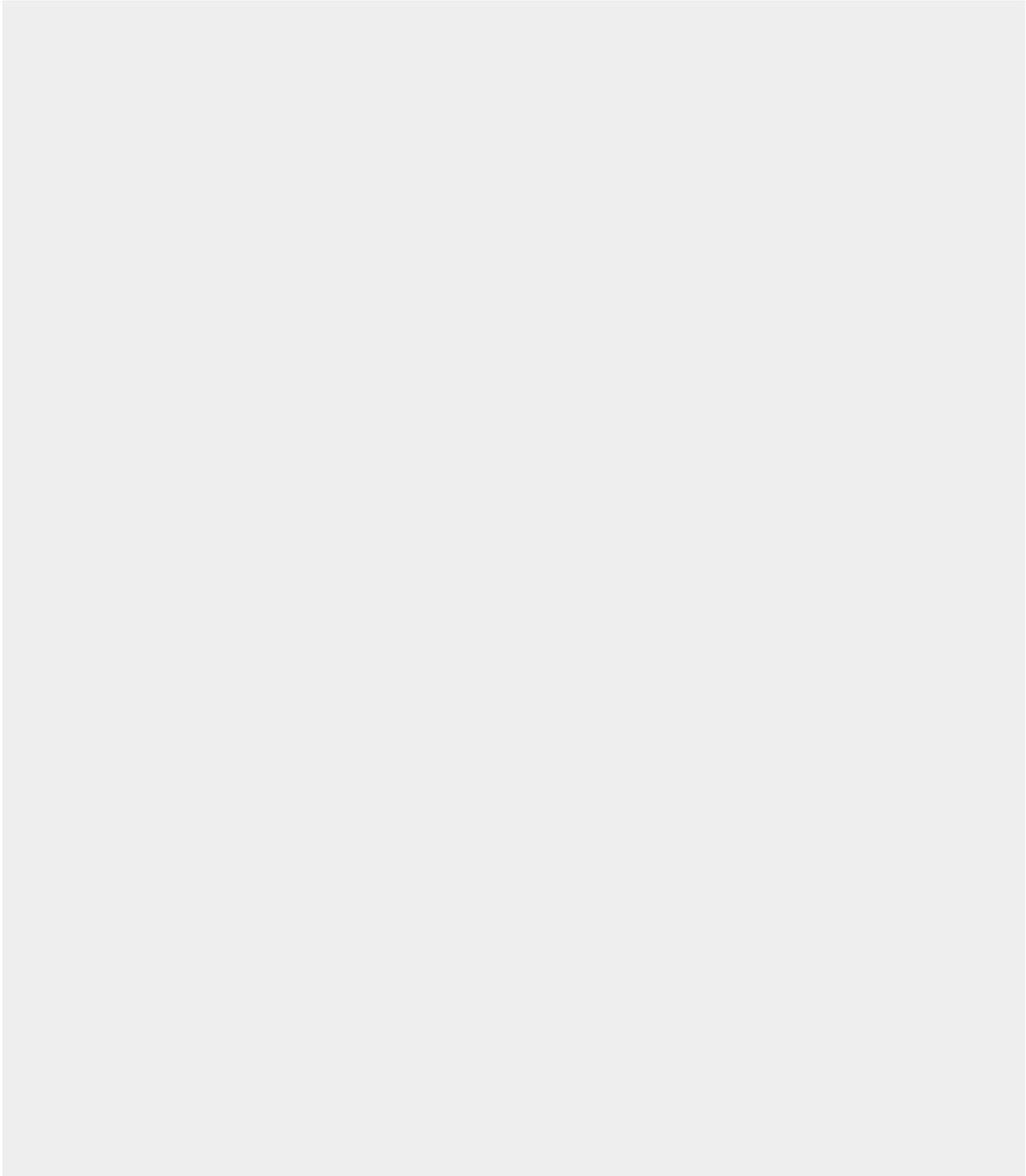
For example: "permanent residence is within the reservation boundaries; however, the participant is temporarily attending school outside of the reservation area," or "resides within 20 miles of the reservation boundaries," etc.



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1.5.2 a. The Tribal Lead Agency defines the Reservation/Service Area as:





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- 1.5.2 b. *Optional: In addition to the description above, a clearly labeled map of the service area is attached. Attachment#:*

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## 1.6 Child Count

For the purposes of determining a Tribe/Tribal Organization's annual CCDF funding level, **the Tribal Lead Agency is required to conduct and submit a triennial child count of children under age 13**, as defined in 98.81(b)(2)(i). The Child Count Declaration will be submitted every 3 years with the triennial Plan, except for in the case of the FY 2020–FY 2022 Plan. For the FY 2020–FY 2022 Plan period, the child count must be submitted by July 1, 2019. For new Tribal Lead Agencies entering outside of the Plan cycle, the child count will be submitted with their Plan.

The Tribal child count will be effective October 1, 2019–September 30, 2022 and valid for 3 years. If the consortia gains or loses one of its member organizations, then the adjustments will be made accordingly.

The Tribal Lead Agency may not count any children who are included in the child count of another CCDF Tribal Lead Agency. **The Tribal Lead Agency is required to confer with all other CCDF Tribal Lead Agencies that have overlapping or neighboring service areas** (98.61(c); 98.62(c); 98.80(b)(1); 98.81 (b)(4)).

The child count submitted is not reflective of the number of children who receive direct services. Instead, the child count gives the number of potentially eligible children who meet the Tribal Lead Agency's definition of Indian Child and reside in the designated service area.

- 1.6.1 Is the service area ([as defined in 1.5.2](#)) adjacent to, or overlapping with, the service area(s) of any other Tribal Lead Agencies?

- No  
 Yes.



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- Identify those other Tribal Lead Agencies with neighboring or overlapping service areas.  
Describe:



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Describe your Tribal Lead Agency's process for ensuring unduplicated child counts:

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- 1.6.2 Complete and attach the “Child Count Declaration” at [Appendix #1](#).

A Tribal consortium must submit an individual Child Count Declaration for each participating Tribe signed by an individual authorized to act for the Tribe; and a summary listing the name of each participating Tribe, each participating Tribe’s individual child count; and the total child count for the entire consortium.

A “Child Count Declaration” is attached at [Appendix #1](#).

### 1.7 Coordination of Services

**The Tribal Lead Agency is required to coordinate services with other Tribal, Federal, State, and/or local child care and early childhood development programs with agencies responsible for public health, employment services/workforce development, public education, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, etc. (658D(b)(1)(D); 98.14(a)(1)(i-xiv); 98.14(a)(4); 98.16(e)).**

Tribal Lead Agencies must demonstrate in the Plan how the Tribe encourages partnerships among its agencies, other public agencies, other Tribes and Tribal organizations, private entities, and community-based organizations, to leverage existing service delivery systems and to increase the supply and quality of child care and development services.

- 1.7.1 Describe how the Tribal Lead Agency coordinates the delivery of CCDF services with the following state, and if applicable, Tribal agencies or entities and the results of those coordination efforts (e.g., shared goals/purposes for coordination and the process for coordinating). Check and describe all that apply.

Public health, including the agency responsible for immunizations. Describe:



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1.7.1 Check and describe all that apply.

Employment services/workforce development. Describe:

The CCDF program is uniquely partnered and housed with the Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation and Job Training programs to accommodate the needs of the clientele requesting support services to improve/maintain family self-sufficiency. Workers/staff share program options and availability with clients.

Public education. Describe:

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. Describe:

The CCDF grant is currently housed under the department umbrella with TANF sharing similar goals/purposes. Case management between CCDF and TANF are held monthly. Programs share applicant needs to optimize client services.

In addition, TANF offers additional support services to include: transportation costs, portion of parent payment or registration fee if not otherwise allowed by other child care resources.



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1.7.1 Check and describe all that apply.

Child care licensing. Describe:

Continual network and coordinate with the Oneida's child care center to ensure they are meeting the State's child care license, requirements and quality needs. Network with local child care centers.

The TLA contracts with Brown County licenser to assist in licensing tribal homes within the service area.

Head Start. Describe:

Continue to meet with the Oneida Tribe's Head Start programs to ensure networking and coordination of efforts.

State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care or similar coordinating body.  
Describe:

Participate and network with the State CCDBG programs by participating in the following: Wisconsin Child Care Program Committee, Child Care Advisory Committee, Tribal IM TANF Association, Oneida Community Head Start Health Advisory Council and the Wisconsin Inter-Tribal Child Care Association (Wisconsin Supporting Families Association).



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1.7.1 Check and describe all that apply.

Statewide after-school network or other coordinating entity for out-of-school time care (if applicable). Describe:

Emergency management and response: Describe:



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1.7.1 Check and describe all that apply.

- Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and other relevant nutrition programs:  
Describe:

- McKinney-Vento state coordinators for homeless education and other agencies providing services for children experiencing homelessness and, to the extent practicable, local McKinney-Vento liaisons: Describe:



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1.7.1 Check and describe all that apply.

Agencies responsible for Medicaid and the State Children’s Health Insurance Program:  
Describe:

The CCDF grant is currently housed under the department umbrella with TANF sharing similar goals/purposes. Case management between CCDF and TANF are held monthly. Programs share applicant needs to optimize client services.

Mental Health Services: Describe:

This service is available through referral and located within the same building as CCDF.



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1.7.1 Check and describe all that apply.

- Child care resource and referral agencies, child care consumer education organizations, and providers of early childhood education training and professional development: Describe:

Keep in contact with the area child care referral agency to assist families with a variety of child care resources/services and teacher trainings/professional development opportunities.

- Other agencies or entities with which the Tribal Lead Agency coordinated: Describe:



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1.7.2 In determining the Tribal community's child care needs, **Tribal Lead Agencies must include underserved populations** such as infants and toddlers, families experiencing homelessness, children with special needs, and children in need of non-traditional hours of care.

a. Which underserved populations are included in determining the Tribal community's child care needs? Check all that apply.

- Infants and toddlers
- Families experiencing homelessness
- Children with special needs
- Children in need of non-traditional hours of care
- Other. Describe:

Other protective service children such as but not inclusive: Abuse or neglect situations, foster care, families in a substance abuse treatment programs.

b. What methods were used to determine the child care needs underserved populations? Check all that apply.

- Conduct a needs assessment. Describe:

Used was the Oneida Head Start Community Assessment 2018 and by networking with other programs and departments (which included the CCDF annual partnership meeting).



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1.7.2 b. Check and describe all that apply.

Survey community members. Describe:

Oneida Community Quality of Life Survey of 2018.

Survey providers. Describe:

Other. Describe:



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## 1.8 Program Integrity and Accountability

The Tribal Lead Agency, as the single point of contact for the administration of the Tribal CCDF program, is responsible for ensuring that policies and procedures are in place to monitor programs and services, ensure compliance with rules of the program, and provide oversight in the expenditure of all funds, including identifying improper payments and fraud prevention and recovery (98.11(b); 98.60(i); 98.66; 98.67; 98.68).

### 1.8.1 Tribal Lead Agencies are required to describe effective internal controls to identify improper payments.

a. How does the Tribal Lead Agency prevent and identify improper payments? Check all that apply.

- Train staff on CCDF policies and regulations.
- Conduct supervisory staff reviews or quality assurance reviews.
- Share data with other programs (e.g., State CCDF, Tribal or State TANF, Head Start, Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), other Tribal offices).
- Run system reports that flag errors.
- Review enrollment documents, attendance or billing records.
- Review provider records.
- Ongoing monitoring and assessment of policy implementation.
- Other. Describe:



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1.8.1 b. The Tribal Lead Agency is required to recover improper payments that are the result of fraud. How does the Tribal Lead Agency investigate and collect improper payments resulting from fraud? Check all that apply.

- Coordinate with, and refer to other Tribal, State, or federal agencies (e.g., Tribal Council, law enforcement)
- Require recovery if the improper payment exceeds a specific dollar amount. Identify the minimum dollar amount: \$ 1000
- Recover through repayment plans
- Reduce payments in subsequent months
- Recover through payroll deductions (for CCDF clients/providers/staff employed by the Tribe)
- Other. Describe:

A sub-contract is made with an outside vendor to conduct client/provider investigations as needed.



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1.8.1 c. *The Tribal Lead Agency has the flexibility to recover improper payments that are the result of unintentional errors/program violations.* Does the Tribal Lead Agency choose to investigate and collect improper payments resulting from unintentional errors/program violations?

No

Yes. How will the Tribal Lead Agency investigate and collect improper payments resulting from unintentional errors/program violations? Check all that apply.

Coordinate with, and refer to other Tribal, State, or Federal agencies (e.g., Tribal Council, law enforcement)

Require recovery if the improper payment exceeds a specific dollar amount.  
Identify the minimum dollar amount: \$ 1000

Recover through repayment plans

Reduce payments in subsequent months

Recover through payroll deductions (for CCDF clients/providers/staff employed by the Tribe)

Other. Describe:

A sub-contract is made with an outside vendor to conduct client/provider investigations as needed.



## 2 Establish Standards and Monitoring Processes to Ensure the Health and Safety of Child Care Settings

Health and safety requirements apply to all Tribes regardless of allocation size and apply to all child care providers who receive CCDF funds, including providers who only receive quality funds.

**All Tribal Lead Agencies must certify that there are in effect health and safety requirements applicable to providers serving CCDF children.** These health and safety requirements must be appropriate to the provider setting (i.e., center based care, including Tribally operated centers, or home based care) and age of the children served, must include specific topics and training on those topics, and are subject to monitoring and enforcement procedures to ensure that providers are complying with the requirements.

This section covers health and safety, criminal background check, and disaster preparedness requirements, including:

- Health and safety standards (98.41(a))
- Health and safety training (98.44(b))
- Monitoring and enforcement procedures to ensure that child care providers comply with health and safety requirements (98.16(n))
- Exemptions made for relative care providers (98.16(l))
- Group size limits; child/staff ratios; and required qualifications for caregivers, teachers, and directors (98.16(m))
- Criminal background check requirements (98.16(o))
- Disaster preparedness and response (98.16(aa))

### 2.1 Health and Safety Standards and Requirements for CCDF Providers

**Tribal Lead Agencies are required to establish health and safety standards for all types of child care programs (i.e., center based care, including Tribally operated centers, or home based care) serving children receiving CCDF assistance relating to the topics listed below, as appropriate to the provider setting and age of the children served (98.41(a)).** This requirement is applicable to all child care providers receiving CCDF funds, including those providers who are receiving only CCDF quality dollars through the Tribal Lead Agency. The only exception to this requirement is for providers who are caring for their own relatives: Tribal Lead Agencies have the option to exempt relative care providers from the health and safety requirements (defined in CCDF regulations as grandparents, great-grandparents, siblings if living in a separate residence, aunts, and uncles (98.42(c))). This exemption applies only if the individual cares for relative children only.



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For each category of care offered, indicate the standards that apply. For instance:

- If the Tribal Lead Agency has developed its own standards (even if those standards were adapted from other sources, such as *Caring for Our Children: Basics* and/or *Minimum Health and Safety Standards: A Guide for American Indian and Alaskan Native Child Care and Development Fund Grantees* or state licensing standards), check “Tribal Standards.”
- If the Tribal Lead Agency requires providers to meet standards established by a state agency (such as state licensing or state department of education), check “State Standards.”
- If the Tribal Lead Agency requires providers to meet standards from more than one source (for example, state licensing standards for off-reservation providers and Tribally developed standards for providers on the reservation), check “Tribal Standards,” “State Standards,” and “Other Standards or Combination of Standards ” and describe which standards apply to which providers.
- If the Tribal Lead Agency requires providers to meet standards from a source not listed in the table in columns (a), (b), and (c) (such as Indian Health Service, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, *Caring for Our Children Basics*, *Caring for Our Children 3rd Edition*, etc.), then check “Other Standards or Combination of Standards” and describe the standards and the source(s) of the standards. If the Tribal Lead Agency does not support the child care for any of the types of providers, then check “This type of care is not provided.”



2.1.1 If the Tribal Lead Agency uses a combination of standards, or uses other standards not noted, please describe in the table below.

**Table 2.1.1 Health and Safety Standards Used by the Tribal Lead Agency**

Provider Categories	Tribal Standards	State Standards	Head Start/ Early Head Start Standards	Other Standards or Combination of Standards (e.g., Tribal standards <i>and</i> State standards)	The Tribal Lead Agency does not provide this type of care
Center-based Care (e.g., Tribally operated centers)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Describe:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family Child Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Describe: The TLA will exempt Relative providers are exempt from the Wisconsin state licensing minimum number of pre-service and/or orientation training hours on health and safety with the exemption of CPR, first aid, Shaken Baby and SIDS.	<input type="checkbox"/>
In-Home Care (in the child's home)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Describe: The TLA will exempt Relative providers are exempt from the Wisconsin state licensing minimum number of pre-service and/or orientation training hours on health and safety with the exemption of CPR, first aid, Shaken Baby and SIDS.	<input type="checkbox"/>

2.1.2 To certify, describe how the following health and safety standards for programs serving children receiving CCDF assistance are defined and established on the required topics (98.16(l)).

**Note: This question is different from the health and safety training requirements, which are addressed in [question 2.1.5](#).**

For each of the required health and safety topics, Tribal Lead Agencies must provide their definition and any variations based on category of care (i.e., center based care, including Tribally operated centers, or home based care) and the ages of children served.

For example, Tribal Lead Agencies need to ensure that providers follow their safe sleep practices for each age group in a center-based program. This means that Tribal Lead Agencies need to set



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standards around infant sleep practices (e.g., activities that prevent sudden infant death syndrome) and ensure that providers who cared for infants were trained on and met these standards. Likewise, Tribal Lead Agencies would set different safe sleep standards for children of different ages (e.g., no safe sleep practices for school-aged children) and ensure that providers who cared for children of other ages were aware of and met those standards.

a. Prevention (including immunizations) and control of infectious diseases

1. Provide a brief summary of how this standard is defined, including any variations based on category of care or ages of the children served:

Adopting the Wisconsin State licensing standards  
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

Children are required to have proof of immunizations on file at the program site. There are hand-washing and other infection control measures included as part of the licensing rules and license-exempt family child care rules. Standards apply to both licensed and licensed exempt care. Specific infection control measures apply when children are diapered.

2. Are relatives exempt from this requirement?

No \_\_\_\_\_

Yes. Describe (i.e., which relatives, all or part of requirement):

Empty text area for describing exemptions for relatives.



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2.1.2 b. Prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and the use of safe sleep practices

1. Provide a brief summary of how this standard is defined, including any variations based on category of care or ages of children served:

Adopting the Wisconsin State licensing standards

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

Persons providing care to children under the age of 1 are required to have training in safe sleep practices and SIDS risk reduction. Licensing rules and license-exempt family childcare rules require children under age 1 to be placed to sleep on their backs in a safe crib. Mattresses should be tight fitting with no fluffy blankets or stuffed animals allowed in the cribs.

2. Are relatives exempt from this requirement?

No \_\_\_\_\_

Yes. Describe (i.e., which relatives, all or part of requirement):

[Empty text area for describing exemptions]



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2.1.2 c. Administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental control

1. Provide a brief summary of how this standard is defined, including any variations based on category of care or ages of children served:

Adopting the Wisconsin State licensing standards

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

Licensing rules specify that all medication (prescription and OTC) must be in the original container and labeled with the child's name and dosing instructions. Parental authorization is required. Medication administration must be logged in the center medical logbook. License-exempt family childcare rules require providers to administer medication to a child only in accordance with written and signed permission form the child's parent.

2. Are relatives exempt from this requirement?

No | \_\_\_\_\_

Yes. Describe (i.e., which relatives, all or part of requirement):

Empty text box for describing exemptions.



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2.1.2 d. Prevention of and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions

1. Provide a brief summary of how this standard is defined, including any variations based on category of care or ages of children served:

Adopting the Wisconsin State licensing standards

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

In licensed and license-exempt public school care, parents complete a health history form for each child in care that details any food or other allergies, including a care plan for the child. Information of food allergies is shared with the cook and anyone else caring for children.

2. Are relatives exempt from this requirement?

No | \_\_\_\_\_

Yes. Describe (i.e., which relatives, all or part of requirement):

Empty text box for describing exemptions.



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2.1.2 e. Safety of building and physical premises, including the identification of and protection from hazards that can cause bodily injury, such as electrical hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic

1. Provide a brief summary of how this standard is defined, including any variations based on category of care or ages of children served:

Adopting the Wisconsin State licensing standards  
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

Licensing rules and license-exempt family childcare rules cover building and premises safety. Building must comply with all applicable codes and the building and premises must be in compliance with safety standards.

2. Are relatives exempt from this requirement?

No | \_\_\_\_\_

Yes. Describe (i.e., which relatives, all or part of requirement):



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2.1.2 f. Prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma, and child maltreatment

1. Provide a brief summary of how this standard is defined, including any variations based on category of care or ages of children served:

Adopting the Wisconsin State licensing standards

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

All persons working with children under age five are required to have Lead Agency approved training in Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention prior to working with children. All providers and substitutes working in licensed and licensed exempt program operated by public schools shall receive training every two years in child abuse and neglect laws, how to identify children who have been abused and neglected, and the procedure for ensuring that all known or suspected cases of child abuse and neglect are immediately reported to proper authorities.

2. Are relatives exempt from this requirement?

No | \_\_\_\_\_

Yes. Describe (i.e., which relatives, all or part of requirement):

Empty text box for describing exemptions.



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2.1.2 g. Emergency preparedness and response planning resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event (such as violence at a child care facility), within the meaning of those terms under section 602(a)(1-2) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5195a(a)(1-2)).

1. Provide a brief summary of how this standard is defined, including any variations based on category of care or ages of children served:

Adopting the Wisconsin State licensing standards

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

All licensed program are required to have emergency plans to be followed in the case of an emergency such as fire, tornado, missing children or other emergency.

2. Are relatives exempt from this requirement?

No | \_\_\_\_\_

Yes. Describe (i.e., which relatives, all or part of requirement):

[Empty text area for describing exemptions]



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2.1.2 h. Handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of biocontaminants

1. Provide a brief summary of how this standard is defined, including any variations based on category of care or ages of children served:

Adopting the Wisconsin State licensing standards  
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

Licensing rules and license-exempt family childcare rules require that all materials harmful to children must be stored in properly labeled containers and stored in areas that are inaccessible to children. Licensing rules address universal precautions and handling of materials contaminated with blood or other bodily fluids.

2. Are relatives exempt from this requirement?

No

Yes. Describe (i.e., which relatives, all or part of requirement):

Empty text area for describing exemptions for relatives.



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2.1.2 i. Precautions in transporting children (if applicable)

1. Provide a brief summary of how this standard is defined, including any variations based on category of care or ages of children served:

Adopting the Wisconsin State licensing standards

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

Licensing rules and license-exempt family childcare rules address the transportation of children including the use of care safety seats, vehicle safety and other topics. These rules apply whenever children are transported by the program

2. Are relatives exempt from this requirement?

No \_\_\_\_\_

Yes. Describe (i.e., which relatives, all or part of requirement):

[Empty text area for describing exemptions]



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2.1.2 j. Pediatric first aid and cardiopulmonary (CPR)

1. Provide a brief summary of how this standard is defined, including any variations based on category of care or ages of children served:

Adopting the Wisconsin State licensing standards

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

All childcare providers and all staff who have contact with children are required to obtain and maintain a current certificate of infant/child CPR. First aid practices are covered in the non-credit, Lead Agency approved course called Introduction to the Child Care Profession taken as part of per-service training. First aid procedures are required and part of the orientation for group childcare centers.

2. Are relatives exempt from this requirement?

No | \_\_\_\_\_

Yes. Describe (i.e., which relatives, all or part of requirement):

Empty text area for describing exemptions.



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2.1.2 k. Recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect

1. Provide a brief summary of how this standard is defined, including any variations based on category of care or ages of children served:

Adopting the Wisconsin State licensing standards

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

A licensee or provider who knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that a child have seen abused or neglected shall immediately contact the county department of social services, human services or local law enforcement. Providers shall maintain medical logbooks and include evidence of unusual bruises, contusions, lacerations or burns received by a child in or out of child care. Childcare providers are mandated reporters under the law.

2. Are relatives exempt from this requirement?

No | \_\_\_\_\_

Yes. Describe (i.e., which relatives, all or part of requirement):

[Empty text box for describing exemptions]



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2.1.3 *The Tribal Lead Agency may also establish standards on optional health and safety topics that reflect the needs of the community served by the Tribal Lead Agency. These optional standards can include those related to nutrition, access to physical activity, caring for children with special needs, and any other topic determined to be relevant by the Tribal Lead Agency (98.41(a)(1)(xii)).*

Does the Tribal Lead Agency include optional standards in addition to the required health and safety topics in their health and safety standards?

No

Yes. If yes, please complete the following questions a-d, as appropriate, on optional health and safety standards.

a. Nutrition

1. Summarize how this standard is defined, including any variations based on category of care or ages of children served:

Adopting the Wisconsin State licensing standards  
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

Licensed programs that serve children meals and snacks that are prepared by the center - or obtained from caterers, schools, hospitals, etc. - are required to follow CACFP minimum meal requirements. If parents supply meals and snacks, licensed childcare programs must share the CACFP minimum meal requirements with parents. Licensed-exempt family child care providers must insure that each child receives proper nutrition while in child care.

2. Are relatives exempt from this requirement?

No \_\_\_\_\_

Yes. Describe (i.e., which relatives, all or part of requirement):



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b. Access to physical activity

1. Summarize how this standard is defined, including any variations based on category of care or ages of children served:

Adopting the Wisconsin State licensing standards  
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

Programs are required to provided a variety of activities for children, including active and quiet play.

2. Are relatives exempt from this requirement?

No \_\_\_\_\_

Yes. Describe (i.e., which relatives, all or part of requirement):

[Empty text box for describing exemptions]



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c. Caring for children with special needs

1. Summarize how this standard is defined, including any variations based on category of care or ages of children served:

Adopting the Wisconsin State licensing standards

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

Programs are required to have a program of activities that are suitable for the development level of each child. Licensed programs are required to collect information about any special needs a child may have and to share that information with all persons who care for that child.

2. Are relatives exempt from this requirement?

No

Yes. Describe (i.e., which relatives, all or part of requirement):



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- d. Any other areas determined necessary to promote child development or to protect children's health and safety
1. Summarize how this standard is defined, including any variations based on category of care or ages of children served:

Adopting the Wisconsin State licensing standards  
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

Child development, supervision of children and tracking a child's whereabouts, guiding children's behavior, the presence of pets, swimming pools, and night care between the hours of 9pm and 5am/

2. Are relatives exempt from this requirement?

No

Yes. Describe (i.e., which relatives, all or part of requirement):



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#### 2.1.4 Standards on Child/Staff Ratios, Group Sizes, and Qualifications for CCDF Providers

**Tribal Lead Agencies are required to establish child care standards for providers receiving CCDF funds regarding appropriate child to staff ratios (by age range of child), group size limits for specific age populations, and the required qualifications for providers based on the type of child care setting (i.e., center based care, including Tribally operated centers, or home based care). This requirement also applies to providers who are only receiving quality CCDF dollars (658E(c)(2)(H); 98.16(m); 98.41(d)).**

Tribal Lead Agencies have flexibility in defining standards and provider types that are reflective of the culture and language and that meet the needs of the children and families served.

- a. Describe standards on child/staff ratios, group sizes, and qualifications for CCDF providers.



**Table 2.1.4 Standards on Ratios, Group Sizes, and Qualifications for CCDF Providers**

**Center-based Child Care Providers**

**Infant**

Define age range (infant):

Birth to 11 months

Ratio: 1:4

Group Size: 8

Teacher/Caregiver Qualifications:

Must at least 18 yrs of age. Completed high school or equivalent. Have 10 hours of training in the care of infants and toddlers, safe sleep practices and training in Sudden Infant Death Syndrome & Shaken Baby Syndrome. (per <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/publications/pdf/66>)

**Center-based Child Care Providers**

**Toddler**

Define age range (toddler):

12 months to 24 months

Ratio: 1:4

Group Size: 8

Teacher/Caregiver Qualifications:

Must at least 18 yrs of age. Completed high school or equivalent. Have 10 hours of training in the care of infants and toddlers, safe sleep practices and training in Sudden Infant Death Syndrome & Shaken Baby Syndrome. (per <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/publications/pdf/66>)



**Table 2.1.4 Standards on Ratios, Group Sizes, and Qualifications for CCDF Providers**

**Center-based Child Care Providers**

**Preschool**

Define age range (preschool):

2-5 years

Ratio: 1:6 (2-2.5 yrs), 1:8 (2.5-3 yrs.), 1:10 (3-4 yrs), 1:13 (4-5 yrs)      Group Size: 12 (2-2.5 yrs), 16 (2.5-3 yrs), 20 (3-4 yrs), 24 (4-5 yrs)

Teacher/Caregiver Qualifications:

Must at least 18 yrs of age. Completed high school or equivalent. Have 10 hours of training in the care of infants and toddlers, safe sleep practices and training in Sudden Infant Death Syndrome & Shaken Baby Syndrome. (per <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/publications/pdf/66>)

**Center-based Child Care Providers**

**School Age**

Define age range (school age):

5 years and older

Ratio: 1:17      Group Size: 34

Teacher/Caregiver Qualifications:

Must at least 18 yrs of age. Completed high school or equivalent.  
(per <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/publications/pdf/66>)



**Table 2.1.4 Standards on Ratios, Group Sizes, and Qualifications for CCDF Providers**

**Family Child Care Providers**

**Infant**

Define age range (infant):

0 - 12 months

Ratio: Never more than five children in care      Group Size: No more than 5 children in care

Teacher/Caregiver Qualifications:

Sudden Infant Death, Shaken Baby Syndrome, and CPR.

Describe any exemptions for relative providers:

Exempt relative providers from Wisconsin State requirements for this age range.

**Family Child Care Providers**

**Toddler**

Define age range (toddler):

12-24 months

Ratio: Never more than five children in care      Group Size: No more than 5 children

Teacher/Caregiver Qualifications:

Sudden Infant Death, Shaken Baby Syndrome, and CPR

Describe any exemptions for relative providers:

Exempt relative providers from Wisconsin State requirements for this age range.



**Table 2.1.4 Standards on Ratios, Group Sizes, and Qualifications for CCDF Providers**

**Family Child Care Providers**

**Preschool**

Define age range (preschool):

2-5 years

Ratio: Never more than five children in care

Group Size: Never more than five children in care

Teacher/Caregiver Qualifications:

Sudden Infant Death, Shaken Baby Syndrome, and CPR

Describe any exemptions for relative providers:

Exempt relative providers from Wisconsin State requirements for this age range.

**Family Child Care Providers**

**School Age**

Define age range (school age):

5 years and older

Ratio: No more than 5 children in the home

Group Size: No more than 5 children in the home

Teacher/Caregiver Qualifications:

Sudden Infant Death, Shaken Baby Syndrome, and CPR

Describe any exemptions for relative providers:

Exempt relative providers from Wisconsin State requirements for this age range.



**Table 2.1.4 Standards on Ratios, Group Sizes, and Qualifications for CCDF Providers**

**In-home Child Care Providers**

**Infant**

Define age range (infant):

0-12 months old

Ratio: Never more than 5 children  
being cared for

Group Size: Never more than 5 children  
being cared for

Teacher/Caregiver Qualifications:

Sudden Infant Death, Shaken Baby Syndrome, and CPR

Describe any exemptions for relative providers:

Exempt relative providers from Wisconsin State requirements for this age range.

**In-home Child Care Providers**

**Toddler**

Define age range (toddler):

12-24 months

Ratio: Never more than 5 children  
being cared

Group Size: Never more than 5 children  
being cared for

Teacher/Caregiver Qualifications:

Sudden Infant Death, Shaken Baby Syndrome, and CPR

Describe any exemptions for relative providers:

Exempt relative providers from Wisconsin State requirements for this age range.



**Table 2.1.4 Standards on Ratios, Group Sizes, and Qualifications for CCDF Providers**

**In-home Child Care Providers**

**Preschool**

Define age range (preschool):

2-5 years old

Ratio: Never more than 5 children being cared for

Group Size: Never more than 5 children being cared for

Teacher/Caregiver Qualifications:

Sudden Infant Death, Shaken Baby Syndrome, and CPR

Describe any exemptions for relative providers:

Exempt relative providers from Wisconsin State requirements for this age range.

**In-home Child Care Providers**

**School Age**

Define age range (school age):

5 years and older

Ratio: Never more than five children being cared for

Group Size: Never more than five children being cared for

Teacher/Caregiver Qualifications:

Sudden Infant Death, Shaken Baby Syndrome, and CPR

Describe any exemptions for relative providers:

Exempt relative providers from Wisconsin State requirements for this age range.



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- b. Describe how the standard on child/staff ratio, group sizes, and qualifications for providers differ in mixed age groups, if applicable:

Tribal lead agency will not allow more than five (5) children in relative care and/or for in home care. Providers will be exempt from some of the Wisconsin State licensing credentials, certifications and training hours. Provider must still have CPR, Shaken baby, Sudden Death Syndrome training. The payment rates for a relative care providers will be determined annually for children birth to 2 years of age and for children age 3 to 12 years of age.



2.1.5 Health and Safety Training for CCDF Providers on Required Topics

**Tribal Lead Agencies are required to have minimum *pre-service and/or orientation training requirements (to be completed within 3 months) for caregivers, teachers and directors, as appropriate to the provider setting and the age of children served, that address the health and safety requirements described in 2.1.2 and 2.1.3, as well as child development.***

**Tribal Lead Agencies must also meet *ongoing training requirements on the health and safety topics for caregivers, teachers, and directors of children receiving CCDF funds (658E(c)(2)(I)(i); 98.44(b)(1)(iii)).*** The Tribal Lead Agency must describe its requirements for pre-service/orientation training and ongoing training.

Tribal Lead Agencies have flexibility in determining the number of training hours to require, but may consult *Caring for Our Children: Basics* and/or *Minimum Health and Safety Standards: A Guide for American Indian and Alaskan Native Child Care and Development Fund Grantees* for best practices and recommended guidelines to address these training requirements.

a. Pre-Service and/or Orientation Training Requirements

1. Provide the required minimum number of pre-service and/or orientation training hours on health and safety topics set by the Tribal Lead Agency for caregivers, teachers, and directors required for the following:

- i. Center-based Child Care Providers:

Adopting the Wisconsin State licensing standards  
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

Health and safety topics are covered in the Intro. to the Child Care Profession or its equivalent, required by all caregivers, teachers and directors.

- ii. Family Child Care Homes:

Tribal lead agency (TLA) will ensure provider has completed the minimum requirements of CPR, First Aid, SIDS, Shaken Baby Syndrome. TLA will review safety and health standards with providers.

- iii. In-home Care:

Tribal lead agency (TLA) will ensure provider has completed the minimum requirements of CPR, First Aid, SIDS, Shaken Baby Syndrome. TLA will review safety and health standards with providers.



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iv. Describe if any Relative Providers are exempt from any of these requirements:

The TLA will exempt Relative providers are exempt from the Wisconsin state licensing minimum number of pre-service and/or orientation training hours on health and safety with the exemption of CPR, first aid, Shaken Baby and SIDS.

v. Describe any differences in requirements for directors compared to caregivers and teachers:

Adopting the State licensing standards  
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

No difference for directors compared to caregivers and teachers.



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2. Are pre-service and/or orientation training for each of the following topics required *before* caregivers, teachers, and directors are allowed to care for children unsupervised? If no, provide the length of time that child care providers have to complete trainings after being hired (must be 3 months or fewer).

Topic	Yes	No, and provide the length of time providers have to complete trainings
i. Prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunizations)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Describe: within 3 months
ii. Prevention of sudden infant death syndrome and the use of safe-sleep practices	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> Describe:
iii. Administration of medication, consistent with standards for parental consent	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Describe: within 3 month
iv. Prevention and response to emergencies due to food and allergic reactions	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Describe: within 3 months
v. Building and physical premises safety, including the identification of and protections from hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Describe: within 3 months



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Topic	Yes	No, and provide the length of time providers have to complete trainings
vi. Prevention of shaken baby syndrome, abusive head trauma, and child maltreatment	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> Describe:  
vii. Emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from a natural disaster or a human-caused event	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Describe: within 3 months
viii. Handling and storage of hazardous materials and the appropriate disposal of bio contaminants	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Describe: within 3 months
ix. Appropriate precautions in transporting children (if applicable)	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Describe: within 3 months
x. Pediatric first aid and CPR	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Describe: within 3 months
xi. Recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Describe: within 3 months



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Topic	Yes	No, and provide the length of time providers have to complete trainings
xii. Child development	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Describe:

within 3 months

xiii. Describe other requirements:

Adopting the Wisconsin State licensing standards

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

Courses include: Introduction to the Child Care Profession, Skills and Strategies for the Child Care Teacher, Fundamentals of Family child Care, and School Age Assistance Child Care Worker. The courses are competency-based curriculum on topics specific to the child care setting.

xiv. Describe any differences in requirements for directors compared to caregivers and teachers:

Adopting the Wisconsin State licensing standards

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

Center director or administrator in a group child care setting must complete at least 10 hours of training in supervision or personnel management within 1 year of assuming the position if such training has not been previously completed.



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b. Ongoing Training Requirements

Provide the minimum number of annual training hours the Tribal Lead Agency requires for caregivers, teachers, and directors to stay up-to-date on new health and safety recommendations or to maintain healthy and safe environments for children for:

1. Center-based Child Care Providers:

Adopting the Wisconsin State licensing standards  
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

25 hours for those who work more than 20 hours per week, 15 hours for those who work 20 or fewer hours per week.

2. Family Child Care Homes:

Adopting the Wisconsin State licensing standards  
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

15 hours

3. In-home Care:

Adopting the State licensing standards  
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

15 hours

4. Describe if any Relative Providers are exempt from any of these requirements:

The Tribal Lead Agency does not require Relative care Family or In-home providers to adopt the Wisconsin State licensing standards.



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5. Describe any differences in requirements for directors compared to caregivers and teachers:

Adopting the Wisconsin State licensing standards  
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

No difference in requirements for directors.



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## 2.2 Monitoring and Enforcement Policies and Practices for CCDF Providers

### 2.2.1 Enforcement of Health and Safety Requirements

**Tribal Lead Agencies must certify that procedures are in effect to ensure that child care providers caring for children receiving CCDF services comply with all applicable Tribal and/or State/local health, safety and fire standards, including those described in 98.41 and 98.42(a).** This may include, but is not limited to, any systems used to ensure that providers met health and safety requirements, any documentation required to be maintained by child care providers, and any other monitoring procedures to ensure compliance. Tribal Lead Agencies are subject to the provision at 98.42(b)(2) to require inspections of child care providers and facilities that receive CCDF funds.

*Tribal Lead Agencies may propose an alternative approach to meet the annual inspection requirements.* In its justification, the Tribal Lead Agency must describe how the alternative approach is appropriately comprehensive and protects the health and safety of children in care.



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- 2.2.1 a. Describe how the Tribal Lead Agency proposes to monitor its CCDF providers for compliance with health and safety requirements:

The tribal agency requires the Licensed child care providers to meet the Health and Safety standards established by the state agency: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>



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- b. If monitoring and inspection is conducted by an entity or agency other than the Tribe, such as the state licensing agency or the Indian Health Service, please indicate who conducts the visits and how the Tribe obtains the results of the monitoring.

1. Center-based Child Care Providers:

The tribal agency requires the child care providers to meet the Health and Safety standards established by the state agency.

The link to the procedure for conducting monitoring and inspections of childcare providers: CDF-P-5279 (N. 08/2018)

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/publications/pdf/5279.pdf>

2. Family Child Care Providers:

For CCDF family relative family care the TLA will monitor and conduct visits to the provider based on internal guidelines as established by the TLA.



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3. In-home CCDF Providers:

For in home relative care the TLA will monitor and conduct visits to the provider based on internal guidelines as established by the TLA.

c. Does the Tribe's approach meet the inspection requirements at 98.42(b)(2)?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No. Describe how the alternative approach is appropriately comprehensive and protects the health and safety of children in care:

[Redacted area for describing alternative approach]

2.2.2 Monitoring Inspectors

**Tribal Lead Agencies must have policies and practices that ensure that individuals who are hired as inspectors are qualified to inspect child care providers and facilities and have received health and safety training appropriate to the provider setting and age of the children served.**

Training shall include, but is not limited to, those requirements described in 98.41(a)(1) and all aspects of the requirements detailed in [Section 2.1.2](#) (658E(c)(2)(K)(i)(I); 98.42(b)(1)).



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Describe how the Tribal Lead Agency ensures that inspectors are qualified to inspect child care facilities and providers and that those inspectors have received training on health and safety requirements that are appropriate to the age of the children in care and the type of provider setting (98.42(b)(1)):

The link to the procedure for conducting monitoring and inspections of childcare providers: CDF-P-5279 (N. 08/2018)

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/publications/pdf/5279.pdf>

Agency has adopted the state license: Monitoring inspection is in accordance to the state regulations

The State of Wisconsin classification specifications for licensing inspectors states that the qualifications required for these positions will be determined at the time of recruitment. Such determinations will be made based on an analysis of the goals and worker activities performed and by an identification of the education, training, work or other life experiences which would provide reasonable assurance that the knowledge and skills required upon appointment have been acquired.



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**2.2.3 The Tribal Lead Agencies must have policies and practices that require the ratio of inspectors to child care providers and facilities to be maintained at a level sufficient to conduct effective inspections of child care providers and facilities on a timely basis in accordance with Tribal, Federal, State, and local laws (658E(c)(2)(K)(i)(III); 98.42(b)(3)).**

Describe the Tribal Lead Agency policies and practices regarding the ratio of inspectors to child care providers (i.e., number of inspectors per number of child care providers) and facilities in the Tribal Lead Agency and include how the ratio is sufficient to conduct effective inspections on a timely basis:

The link to the procedure for conducting monitoring and inspections of childcare providers: CDF-P-5279 (N. 08/2018)

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/publications/pdf/5279.pdf>

Tribal Lead Agency has adopted the state license: Monitoring inspection is in accordance to the state regulations

The Lead Agency maintains a policy for monitoring activity standards that describes the expectations for monitoring visits, complaint investigations, and staff necessary to meet the expectations contained in the licensing activity standards, and monitors to ensure that all programs receive the required number of monitoring visits, that all complaints are investigated in a timely manner and that other licensing specialists responsibilities are met.



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2.2.4 *Tribal Lead Agencies have the option to exempt relatives (defined in CCDF regulations as grandparents, great-grandparents, siblings if living in a separate residence, aunts, and uncles (98.42(c)) from inspection requirements. This exception only applies if the individual cares for relative children only.*

Does the Tribal Lead Agency exempt relatives from the [inspection requirements listed in 2.1.2?](#)

- No, relatives are not exempt from inspection requirements.
- Yes, relatives are exempt from all inspection requirements. If the Tribal Lead Agency exempts relatives from all inspection requirements, describe how the Tribal Lead Agency ensures the health and safety of children in relative care:



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- Yes, relatives are exempt from some inspection requirements. If the Tribal Lead Agency exempts relatives from some inspection requirements, describe which inspection requirements do not apply to relative providers (including which relatives may be exempt) and how the Tribal Lead Agency ensures the health and safety of children in relative care:

[Empty response area for describing inspection exemptions and health/safety measures.]



### 2.3 Criminal Background Checks

**Tribal Lead Agencies are required to have in effect policies and procedures to conduct criminal background checks for all child care staff members (including prospective staff members) of all child care programs that are 1) licensed, regulated, or registered under Tribal law; and, 2) all other providers eligible to deliver CCDF services (e.g., license-exempt CCDF eligible providers) (98.43(a)(1)(i)).**

Background check requirements apply to any staff member who is employed by a child care provider for compensation, including contract employees and self-employed individuals, whose activities involve the care or supervision of children or who have unsupervised access to children (98.43(2)).

For family child care in homes, this requirement includes the caregiver and any other adults residing in the family child care home who are age 18 or older (98.43(a)(2)(ii)(C)). This requirement does not apply to individuals who are related to all children for whom child care services are provided (98.43(a)(2)(i)(A)).

Under the CCDF rule, a criminal background check includes specific components (98.43(b)) that are outlined in Table 2.3 below.

*Tribal Lead Agencies are encouraged (but not required) to check registries maintained by the Tribe (rather than a State).*

In some instances, a Tribal Lead Agency may use its CCDF funds to support direct services delivered by a child care provider whose staff have already met the State's background check requirements consistent with the CCDF rule (because that provider is licensed by the State and/or receives CCDF funding from the State). In such instances, it is not necessary for the Tribal Lead Agency to require additional or duplicative background checks.



**Table 2.3 Criminal Background Check Requirements**

Required Components (Unless the Tribe Has an Approved Alternative Approach)	National	Current State of Residence	State Where Lived Within Last Five Years
1. FBI fingerprint check	X		
2. National Crime Information Center (NCIC) National Sex Offender Registry (NSOR)	X		
3. State criminal registry or repository		X Fingerprints required	X
4. State sex offender registry or repository		X	X
5. State child abuse and neglect registry and database		X	X

2.3.1 Background Check Components (98.43(b))

Describe the components of background checks that apply to staff of child care providers eligible to deliver CCDF services funded by the Tribal Lead Agency:

a. FBI Criminal Fingerprint Search\*

- Yes, the checks include this component
- No, the checks do not include this component

b. National Crime Information Center (NCIC) National Sex Offender Registry (NSOR) Search\*

- Yes, the checks include this component
- No, the checks do not include this component

c. State Criminal Registry or Repository Check Requirement (in the State where the individual currently resides and in any other State where the individual has resided in the past 5 years)\*

- Yes, the checks include this component
- No, the checks do not include this component

d. State Sex Offender Registry or Repository Check Requirement (in the State where the individual currently resides and in any other State where the individual has resided in the past 5 years)\*

- Yes, the checks include this component
- No, the checks do not include this component



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2.3.1 e. State Child Abuse and Neglect Registry Check Requirements (in the State where the individual currently resides and in any other State where the individual has resided in the past 5 years)\*

- Yes, the checks include this component
- No, the checks do not include this component

f. *Tribal Registry or Repository Check (optional)*

- Yes, the checks include this component. Describe:

- No, the checks do not include this component

g. *Checks by Third Party Public or Private Entity--such as vendor (optional)*

- Yes, the checks include this component. Describe:

- No, the checks do not include this component



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2.3.1 h. *Any Other Component Not Listed Above (optional)*. Describe:

Yes, the checks include this component. Describe:

No, the checks do not include this component

**\*Required component. If a Tribal Lead Agencies' checks do not include this component, the Tribal Lead Agency must provide a justification for an alternative approach in [2.3.2](#).**



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- 2.3.2 Alternative Approach for Background Checks. Tribal Lead Agencies are subject to the background check requirements for CCDF providers. However, *Tribal Lead Agencies may propose and provide a justification for an alternative approach for background checks.* The alternative approach is subject to ACF approval, and ACF will not approve approaches with blanket exemptions or waivers that bypass the intent of protecting children’s safety.

Does the Tribe have an alternative approach for background checks?

- No, the Tribal Lead Agency does not have an alternative approach for background checks; it conducts all background check requirements at 45 CFR 98.43.
- Yes, the Tribal Lead Agency has an alternative approach for background checks.



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- 2.3.2 a. Describe which background check requirement(s) at 45 CFR 98.43 that the Tribal Lead Agency does not conduct, and the reason:



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- 2.3.2 b. Describe the Tribe's alternative approach, including how it is appropriately comprehensive and protects the health and safety of children:



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- 2.3.3 Disqualifying crimes. **Child care staff members cannot be employed by a child care provider receiving CCDF subsidy funds if they refuse a background check, make materially false statements in connection with the background check, or are registered or required to be registered on the state or National Sex Offender Registry.** Potential staff members also cannot be employed by a provider receiving CCDF funds if they have been convicted of: a felony consisting of murder, child abuse or neglect, crimes against children, spousal abuse, crimes involving rape or sexual assault, kidnapping, arson, physical assault or battery, or—subject to an individual review (at the Tribal Lead Agencies’ option)—a drug-related offense committed during the preceding 5 years; a violent misdemeanor committed as an adult against a child, including the following crimes—child abuse, child endangerment, or sexual assault; or a misdemeanor involving child pornography (98.43(c)(1)).

Note: The Tribal Lead Agency may not publicly release the results of individual background checks. It may release aggregated data by crime as long as the data do not include personally identifiable information (98.43(e)(2)(iii)).

Does the Tribal Lead Agency disqualify child care staff members based on their conviction for other crimes not specifically listed in 98.43(c)(i)?

No \_\_\_\_\_

Yes. Describe other disqualifying crimes and provide citation:



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- 2.3.4 Appeals. **The Tribal Lead Agency must have a process for a child care provider/staff member to appeal the results of his or her background check to challenge the accuracy or completeness of the criminal background report**, as detailed in 98.43(e)(3).

Describe how the Tribal Lead Agency provides opportunities for applicants to appeal the results of background checks:

Adopting the Wisconsin State licensing standards  
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

Wis. Statutes, s.48.686(4p)(a) and (b) detail the state's privacy requirements for child care background check results. Results sent to providers only indicate whether the individual is eligible for employment or residence at a child care program. Detailed results are provided only to the subject of the background check report.

- 2.3.5 Fees. **The Tribal Lead Agency may not charge fees that exceed the actual costs of processing applications and administering a criminal background check (98.43(f)).**

Describe how the Tribal Lead Agency ensures that fees charged for completing the background checks do not exceed the actual cost of processing and administration. Tribal Lead Agencies can report that no fees are charged if applicable (98.43(f)):

Adopting the Wisconsin State licensing standards  
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

Wis. Statutes, s.48.686(2)(ag)(3) prohibits the Lead agency from collecting fees that exceed the actual cost of conducting the criminal background check.



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- 2.3.6 Relatives. *Federal rules do not require background checks for relative providers who receive CCDF (98.43(a)(2)(i)(A));* therefore, Tribes have the flexibility to decide which background check requirements relative providers must meet.

This exception only applies to grandparents, great grandparents, siblings (living in a separate residence), aunts, or uncles, and only applies if the individual cares only for relative children.

Does the Tribal Lead Agency exempt relatives from background checks?

- No, relatives are not exempt from background check requirements. \_\_\_\_\_
- Yes, relatives are exempt from all background check requirements.
- Yes, relatives are exempt from some background check requirements. If the Tribal Lead Agency exempts relatives from some background check requirements, describe which background check requirements apply to relative providers:



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## 2.4 Disaster Preparedness and Response Plan

**Tribal Lead Agencies are required to establish a Child Care Disaster Plan for the Tribal Service Area (658E(c)(2)(U)).** They must describe how they will address the needs of children—including the need for safe child care, before, during, and after a state of emergency declared by the Governor or Tribal Chief Executive or a major disaster or emergency (as defined by Section 102 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5122).

2.4.1 Describe how the Child Care Disaster Plan was developed in collaboration with the appropriate stakeholders, including other programs within the Tribal Lead Agency’s governance structure:

Tribal Lead agency adopted the State requirements: Statewide child care disaster plan is available: The link to the Wisconsin Emergency Response Plan is [https://dma.wi.gov/DMA/divisions/wem/preparedness/2017\\_WERP\(Full37M\).pdf](https://dma.wi.gov/DMA/divisions/wem/preparedness/2017_WERP(Full37M).pdf). ESF-6 starts on page 215. The Lead Agency’s COOP and Emergency Response Plan are not available on-line.



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- 2.4.2 Describe how the Child Care Disaster Plan includes the Tribal Lead Agency's guidelines for the continuation of child care subsidies and child care services, which may include the provision of emergency and temporary child care services during a disaster and temporary operating standards for child care after a disaster:

Tribal Lead agency adopted the State requirements: Statewide child care disaster plan is available: The link to the Wisconsin Emergency Response Plan is [https://dma.wi.gov/DMA/divisions/wem/preparedness/2017\\_WERP\(Full37M\).pdf](https://dma.wi.gov/DMA/divisions/wem/preparedness/2017_WERP(Full37M).pdf). ESF-6 starts on page 215. The Lead Agency's COOP and Emergency Response Plan are not available on-line.



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- 2.4.3 Describe Tribal Lead Agency procedures for the coordination of post-disaster recovery of child care services:

Tribal Lead agency adopted the State requirements: Statewide child care disaster plan is available: The link to the Wisconsin Emergency Response Plan is [https://dma.wi.gov/DMA/divisions/wem/preparedness/2017\\_WERP\(Full37M\).pdf](https://dma.wi.gov/DMA/divisions/wem/preparedness/2017_WERP(Full37M).pdf). ESF-6 starts on page 215. The Lead Agency's COOP and Emergency Response Plan are not available on-line.



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- 2.4.4 Describe how the Tribal Lead Agency ensures that providers who receive CCDF funds have the following procedures in place: evacuation; relocation; shelter-in-place; lockdown; communications with and reunification of families; continuity of operations; and accommodations for infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, and children with chronic medical conditions (98.41(a)(1)(vii)):

Tribal lead agency adopts the State standards: Child care centers are required to develop and submit to the Lead Agency policies that address emergency preparedness and practice drill. The Lead Agency reviews these policies when a center opens and whenever a policy changes. In addition, the Lead Agency monitors for emergency preparedness training and drills during on-site monitoring visits.



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- 2.4.5 Describe how the Tribal Lead Agency requires child care staff and volunteers emergency preparedness training and practice drill procedures for providers who receive CCDF funds:

Tribal lead agency adopts the State standards: Child care centers are required to develop and submit to the Lead Agency policies that address emergency preparedness and practice drill. The Lead Agency reviews these policies when a center opens and whenever a policy changes. In addition, the Lead Agency monitors for emergency preparedness training and drills during on-site monitoring visits.



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2.4.6 Describe if the Tribal Lead Agency exempts relative providers from any disaster preparedness and response requirements:

Wisconsin's administrative code addresses many of the emergency procedures required in child care centers. Wis. Admin. Code DCF 202 addresses emergency procedures for license-exempt family child care centers, DCF 250 addresses emergency procedures for licensed family child care centers, DCF 251 addresses emergency procedures for group child care centers, and DCF 252 addresses emergency procedures for licensed day camps. In some cases, the emergency procedures are not in administrative code but are instead in the rules commentary.



### 3 Supporting Continuous Quality Improvement

All Tribes are subject to an increasing quality set-aside starting at 4% in FY 2017 to 9% by FY 2022. **Tribes must spend quality funds on at least one of 10 allowable quality activities, such as training and professional development, early learning and development, quality evaluation, and other measurable quality activities** including culturally responsive activities such as language immersion (3.1.2(a) through (j) below).

#### 3.1 Quality Improvement Goals and Activities

In completing this section, the Tribal Lead Agency should only describe activities funded either entirely, or in part, with CCDF dollars. All Tribal Lead Agencies must spend a percentage of their total CCDF expenditures on quality improvement activities.

Quality Spending	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY2022
Quality Set-Aside (All)	8%	8%	9%
Infant-Toddler (Medium and Large)	3%	3%	3%
Total Quality (Small)	8%	8%	9%
Total Quality (Medium and Large)	11%	11%	12%



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3.1.1 Describe the Tribal Lead Agency's overall plan or approach for improving quality in child care during this plan cycle:

The Tribal Lead Agency plan for improving quality in child care include, but not limited to: Client/provider survey to determine specific needs of the families and providers. To strengthen the requirements to protect the health and safety of children in child care; help parents make informed consumer choices and access information to support child development; provide equal access to stable child care for low-income children; and enhance the quality of child care and the early childhood workforce.



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3.1.2 Identify the quality improvement activities in which the Tribal Lead Agency is investing during this plan cycle, checking the specific quality activities in a-k the Tribal Lead Agency will conduct (98.41; 98.83). Tribal Lead Agencies can, and are encouraged, to incorporate culturally responsive practices into their quality improvement activities.

a. Supporting the training and professional development of the child care workforce. Check all that apply:

- Required health and safety training topics as [described in 2.1.3](#)
- Implementing developmentally appropriate, culturally and linguistically responsive instruction
- Family engagement
- Access to physical activity
- Indigenous nutrition and foods
- Promotion of child development
- Language and literacy
- Developing or providing training to providers about the local Indigenous Nations and community
- Developing or providing training to providers about Indigenous early learners and epistemologies
- Caring for children with special health or developmental needs
- Fiscal management for providers
- Administration and program management for providers
- Curriculum development and instruction
- Child care as a business
- Supporting (through funding, scholarships, etc.) the career development pathways of the child care workforce through:
  - Credit towards required training hours
  - Certificate (including those incorporating Indigenous studies and Indian education for providers)
  - Credential
  - Degree (including those incorporating Indigenous studies and Indian education for providers)



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3.1.2 a. Check and describe all that apply.

Other:

*Optional: Describe any of the activities checked above:*



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3.1.2 b. Improving on the development or implementation of early learning and developmental guidelines (658E(c)(2)(T); 658G(b)(2)).

Early learning guidelines are intended to support teachers, caregivers, and directors, to learn what children should know and be able to do at different developmental stages in order to experience school success. Early learning guidelines often provide examples of activities that can be used to develop curriculum but are not intended to serve as curriculum. Check all that apply:

- Supporting use of the State’s early learning guidelines
- Developing or implementing your own Tribally specific guidelines
- Adapting a State’s guidelines to reflect your Tribal Nation’s language and culturally specific early learning and development goals/benchmarks
- Providing trainings for staff on child development and early learning guidelines
- Participating in the development or revision of the State’s early learning guidelines
- Other. Describe:

*Optional: Describe any of the activities checked above:*



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- 3.1.2 c. Developing, implementing, or enhancing a quality rating and improvement system (QRIS) for child care providers and services (658G(b)(3)).

A QRIS is a systemic approach to assess, improve, and communicate the level of quality in early and school-age care and education programs. Similar to rating systems for restaurants and hotels, QRIS award quality ratings to early and school-age care and education programs that meet a set of defined program standards.

By participating in their State or Tribe's QRIS, early and school-age care providers embark on a path of continuous quality improvement. Even providers that have met the standards of the lowest QRIS levels have achieved a level of quality that is beyond the minimum requirements to operate. Check all that apply:

- Participating in a State QRIS
- Implementing a Tribal QRIS or similar rating system
- Developing a Tribal QRIS or similar rating system
- Collaborating with other Tribes to implement a QRIS or similar rating system
- Other. Describe:

Wisconsin participates in Young Star Quality Rating and Improvement System.



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3.1.2 c. Check and describe all that apply.

*Optional: Describe any of the activities checked above:*



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3.1.2 d. Improving the supply and quality of child care services for infants and toddlers. Check all that apply:

- Offering Non-traditional hours
- Coordinating with Early Head Start or Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships
- Coordinating with home visiting
- Providing training and professional development to enhance child care providers' abilities to provide developmentally appropriate services for infants and toddler
- Providing coaching, mentoring, and/or technical assistance on this age group's unique needs from networks of qualified infant-toddler specialists
- Coordinating with early intervention specialists who provide services for infants and toddlers with disabilities
- Developing infant and toddler components within the early learning and developmental guidelines/standards, etc.
- Improving the ability of parents to access transparent and easy-to-understand consumer information about high-quality infant and toddler care that includes information on infant and toddler language, social-emotional, and both early literacy and numeracy cognitive development
- Indigenous language and culturally responsive practices for infants and toddlers
- Other. Describe:



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3.1.2 d. Check and describe all that apply.

*Optional: Describe any of the activities checked above:*



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3.1.2 e. Establishing or expanding a system of child care resource and referral (CCR&R) services, assisting parents with finding and choosing a child care provider; collecting and analyzing child care provider supply and demand data; and providing training and support to providers (658E(c)(3)(B)(iii); 658G(b)(5)). Check all that apply:

- Using a State CCR&R
- Operating a CCR&R
- Partnering with other Tribes to offer CCR&R services
- Incorporating CCR&R services into program services
- Other. Describe:

*Optional: Describe any of the activities checked above:*



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3.1.2 f. Supporting compliance with requirements for licensing, inspection, monitoring, training, and health and safety. Check all that apply:

- Provide health and safety materials/equipment
- Grants/mini-grants for health and safety equipment/materials
- Classroom materials and resources
- Financial assistance in meeting licensing requirements
- Conduct monitoring visits of child care providers
- Other. Describe:

*Optional: Describe any of the activities checked above:*



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3.1.2 g. Evaluating the quality of child care programs, including how programs positively impact children. Check all that apply:

- Purchasing quality assessment tools
- Implementing surveys to collect stakeholder input
- Contracting with outside evaluator to assess child care program quality
- Conducting internal training so that staff members are able to conduct quality evaluations (i.e., using an environmental rating scale)
- Other. Describe:

Adopting the State licensing standards

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

The quality activities should be aligned with a statewide or territory-wide assessment of the state's or territory's need to carry out such services and care. States and territories are required to report on these quality improvement.

*Optional: Describe any of the activities checked above:*



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3.1.2 h. Supporting providers in the voluntary pursuit of accreditation.

Tribes can use quality funds to support child care providers in the voluntary pursuit of accreditation by a national accrediting body with demonstrated, valid and reliable program standards of high quality. Accreditation is one way to differentiate the quality of child care providers. In order to gain accreditation, child care centers and family child care homes must meet certain quality standards outlined by accrediting organizations. Check all that apply:

- Using accreditation guidelines as a quality measure
- Funding any aspect of national accreditation (for example, accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children or the National Association for Family Child Care, or accreditation developed by a Tribal Association)
- Paying annual accreditation fees
- Other. Describe:

Provide support for tribally owned child care centers to improve quality when able.

*Optional: Describe any of the activities checked above:*



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3.1.2 i. Supporting the development or adoption of high-quality program standards related to health, mental health, nutrition, physical activity, and physical development. Check all that apply:

- Using Head Start Performance Standards
- Using Stepping Stones to Caring for Our Children
- Using Caring for Our Children Basics
- Using Minimum Health and Safety Standards: A Guide for American Indian and Alaska Native Grantees
- Using a combination of the above listed standards. Describe:

Other. Describe:

Provide support as needed to ensure the best quality in meeting the Wisconsin state standards.



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3.1.2 i. Check and describe all that apply.

*Optional: Describe any of the activities checked above:*



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3.1.2 j. Other activities determined by the Tribal Lead Agency to improve the quality of child care services and which measurement of outcomes is possible related to improved provider preparedness, child safety, child well-being, or kindergarten entry. Check all that apply:

1.  Culturally Relevant Activities

Incorporating Tribal language into child care settings

Partnering with language and culture departments to build curricula

Modifying curriculum to reflect Tribal culture

Serving traditional Native foods in child care programs

Offering culturally based training opportunities for parents and providers

Providing information and training to non-Native providers about working with Native children and families

Implementing immersion classrooms or language nests

Training teachers to learn how to implement language and culture in the classroom

Other. Describe:

Partnering with language and culture department.



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3.1.2 j. Check and describe all that apply.

*Optional: Describe any of the activities checked above:*



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3.1.2 j. Check and describe all that apply.

2.  Consumer Education for Parents and Providers

Written materials, including newsletters, brochures, checklists, etc., on child care topics

Local/Tribal media

Social media, such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram

Counseling from Resource and Referral Agencies, including information about other early childhood and social/human services programs for which families and providers may also qualify

Internet, including electronic media, publications, and webcasts on child care topics

Postings on community bulletin boards

Other. Describe:

Community workshops, events or other in-person activities providing child care services/information.

*Optional: Describe any of the activities checked above:*



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3.1.2 j. Check and describe all that apply.

3.  Describe any other quality activities, besides the activities checked above, that the Tribal Lead Agency intends to implement during this Plan period:



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3.1.3 How did the Tribal Lead Agency identify the goals and activities to improve quality [as described in 3.1.1](#)? For example, did the Tribal Lead Agency conduct provider surveys or assessments that identified the need for quality improvements? Check all that apply:

Surveys to parents, providers, and Tribal leadership. Describe:

The TLA will review the tribal strategic plan and responses from meetings with the community, agencies and professionals.

Community assessments. Describe:

Network with the Community Quality of Life Survey and review the results.



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3.1.3 Check and describe all that apply.

Self-assessments. Describe:

Team meetings, verbal communication, self-evaluation

Parent, Family, Community or Tribal meetings. Describe:

Other. Describe:

Partnership meeting regarding child care needs, Tribal Quality Improvement Survey and utilizing the Head Start Survey.



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3.1.4 How does the Tribal Lead Agency evaluate progress toward meeting the overall child care quality improvement goals and activities [described in 3.1.1](#) (658G(d)(3))?

Follow-up surveys to parents, providers, and Tribal leadership. Describe:

Gather survey responses, reach out, meetings.

Ongoing community assessments. Describe:

The TLA intends to do on-going meetings and networking to ensure we are meeting the needs of the community regarding the child care needs.



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3.1.4 Check and describe all that apply.

Self-assessments/program evaluation. Describe:

meetings, verbal communication, partnership meetings

Parent, Family, Community or Tribal meeting sign in sheets/attendance logs. Describe:

Evaluation of needs expressed through staff sharing and community events.

Other. Describe:



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### 3.2 Supporting Training and Professional Development of the Child Care Workforce with CCDF Quality Funds

The Tribal Lead Agency must develop training and professional development requirements ([documented in Section 2.1.5](#)), including pre-service or orientation training (to be completed within three months) and ongoing requirements designed to enable child care providers to promote the social, emotional, physical, and cognitive development of children and to improve the knowledge and skills of the child care workforce. Such requirements shall be applicable to child care providers caring for children receiving CCDF funds across the entire age span, from birth through age 12 (658E(c)(2)(G)). Ongoing training and professional development should be accessible and appropriate to the setting and age of the children served (98.44(b)(2)).

3.2.1 Identify how the Tribal Lead Agency's training and professional development requirements are appropriate, to the extent practicable, for child care providers who care for:

Infants and toddlers. Describe:

Adopting the Wisconsin State licensing standards  
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

Training enables child care providers to promote the social, emotional, physical and cognitive development of children and to improve the knowledge and skills of the child care workforce. Such requirements shall be applicable to child care providers caring for children receiving CCDF funds across the entire age span, from birth through age 12. Ongoing training and professional development should be accessible and appropriate to the setting and age of the children served.

Preschoolers. Describe:

Adopting the Wisconsin State licensing standards  
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Training enables child care providers to promote the social, emotional, physical and cognitive development of children and to improve the knowledge and skills of the child care workforce. Such requirements shall be applicable to child care providers caring for children receiving CCDF funds across the entire age span, from birth through age 12. Ongoing training and professional development should be accessible and appropriate to the setting and age of the children served.



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3.2.1 Check and describe all that apply.

School-age children. Describe:

Adopting the Wisconsin State licensing standards  
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Training enables child care providers to promote the social, emotional, physical and cognitive development of children and to improve the knowledge and skills of the child care workforce. Such requirements shall be applicable to child care providers caring for children receiving CCDF funds across the entire age span, from birth through age 12. Ongoing training and professional development should be accessible and appropriate to the setting and age of the children served.

Children who are Indigenous-language learners. Describe:

Adopting the Wisconsin State licensing standards  
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Training enables child care providers to promote the social, emotional, physical and cognitive development of children and to improve the knowledge and skills of the child care workforce. Such requirements shall be applicable to child care providers caring for children receiving CCDF funds across the entire age span, from birth through age 12. Ongoing training and professional development should be accessible and appropriate to the setting and age of the children served.

Children with developmental delays and disabilities. Describe:

Adopting the Wisconsin State licensing standards  
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

Training enables child care providers to promote the social, emotional, physical and cognitive development of children and to improve the knowledge and skills of the child care workforce. Such requirements shall be applicable to child care providers caring for children receiving CCDF funds across the entire age span, from birth through age 12. Ongoing training and professional development should be accessible and appropriate to the setting and age of the children served.



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3.2.1 a. Do Tribal CCDF providers participate in the State's training and professional development system? For example, Tribal CCDF providers might participate in trainings offered by the local child care resource and referral agencies or state-funded training organizations.

Yes. Describe:

Supporting Families Together providing professional and state training opportunities and Child Care Resource and Referral trainings.

No. Check all that apply.

- The Tribal Lead Agency does not have sufficient information about the State's training and professional development opportunities to share with Tribal CCDF providers.
- The State's training and professional development opportunities are not appropriate for providers caring for Native children.
- The State's training and professional development opportunities are not accessible to Tribal CCDF providers.
- The State's training and professional development opportunities are not affordable for Tribal CCDF providers.
- Other. Describe:

Empty text box for describing other reasons for not participating.

Unknown



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3.2.1 b. Has the Tribal Lead Agency been contacted by the State for input on how to make the State's trainings and professional development opportunities more culturally relevant for Native American children?

Yes. Describe:

No



#### 4 ***Tribes with Small Allocations Only – Direct Services***

*Tribes with small allocations* have the option to offer direct services. *Tribes with small allocations* can determine their own eligibility requirements. *Tribes with small allocations* who provide direct services must provide OCC with an overview of their direct services requirements as part of its abbreviated CCDF Plan.

##### 4.1 **Indicate if this *Tribe with a small allocation* will offer direct child care services. Check the appropriate box below:**

Not applicable, as a Tribe with a medium or large allocation we will describe direct services in the next sections. ([Skip to Section 5](#))

No, as a *Tribe with a small allocation* we will not be offering direct child care services.

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Yes, *Tribe with a small allocation* we will offer direct child care services. Complete the questions below.

a. The Tribal Lead Agency allows parents to choose from the following categories of care. Check all that apply:

Center-based child care, including a Tribally operated center

Family child care home

In-home child care

b. How does the Tribal Lead Agency fund its direct child care services? Check all that apply:

Certificates

Grants or Contracts with approved child care providers

CCDF funded Tribally operated center

i) Does the Tribal Lead Agency provide child care services exclusively through Tribally operated centers?

Yes

No



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4.1 c. Describe eligibility criteria, such as child's age, family income and size, reason for care (e.g., work, job training, education), and priorities for vulnerable populations:



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4.1 d. Describe how parents can apply for child care services:



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4.1 e. Tribal Lead Agencies that have an eligibility criteria based on family income must have and periodically revise a sliding fee scale for CCDF families' contributions that varies based on income and the size of the family.

1. Attach copy of the sliding fee scale

Enter Attachment #:

Add or remove attachment

2. What is the sliding fee effective date:

f. Does the Tribal Lead Agency waive family contributions/co-payments for any families?

No

Yes, describe

g. Attach the Tribal Lead Agencies payment rates

Enter Attachment #:

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***Tribes with Small Allocations Stop Here***

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## 5 Provide Stable Child Care Financial Assistance to Families (*Tribes with Medium and Large Allocations*)

### 5.1 Eligible Children and Families

***Tribes with large and medium allocations must include the basis for determining family eligibility*** through one of two options:

***Standard Eligibility:*** Tribal Lead Agencies must determine eligibility for services pursuant to the criteria found in 98.20(a) and 98.81(b)(1)(ii). When eligibility is determined, children must: (1) be under age 13; (2)(a) reside with a family whose income does not exceed 85 percent of the Grantee Median Income (GMI) for a family of the same size; and (2)(b) be from families whose assets do not exceed \$1,000,000 (as certified by such family member); and (3)(a) reside with a parent(s) who are working or attending a job training or educational program; or (3)(b) receive, or need to receive, protective services (658P(4); 98.20(a)).

***Categorical Eligibility:*** If the Tribe's median income is below 85 percent of the State Median Income, the Tribal Lead Agency has the option to consider any Indian child in the Tribe's service area to be eligible to receive CCDF funds, regardless of a family's income, work, or training status, provided that the provision for services still goes to those with the highest need (98.81(b)(1)(i)). Tribal Lead Agencies who use categorical eligibility may create opportunities to align CCDF programs with other Tribal early childhood programs, including Tribal home visiting, Early Head Start, and Head Start. This provision also allows Tribes to support Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership grants.

Tribal Lead Agencies who elect to use categorical eligibility will receive the same funding allocation as if they had chosen to use standard eligibility thresholds. Additional funds will not be allocated. Additionally, Tribal Lead Agencies should take all CCDF Final Rule provisions into account when determining whether they will use categorical eligibility, such as the quality expenditure requirements, health and safety standards, and enforcement and criminal background checks.

#### 5.1.1 Eligibility Criteria Related to the Child's Age

- a. The Tribal CCDF program serves children aged from 0 [redacted] weeks through 12 [redacted] years [redacted]. (may not equal or exceed age 13).

Note: Eligible children who reach the maximum age within the 12-month eligibility period shall continue to receive CCDF services until their current 12-month eligibility expires. Tribal Lead Agencies who opt to use Categorical Eligibility must still meet all other CCDF requirements around stable financial assistance and equal access, including age eligibility.



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5.1.1 b. Does the Tribal Lead Agency allow CCDF-funded child care for children age 13 and above but below age 19 years who are physically and/or mentally incapable of self-care (658P(3); 98.20(a)(1)(ii))?

No \_\_\_\_\_

Yes

1. The upper age is \_\_\_\_\_ (may not equal or exceed age 19)

2. Define “physical or mental incapacity”:

c. Does the Tribal Lead Agency allow CCDF-funded child care for children age 13 and older but below age 19 years who are under court supervision (98.20(a)(1)(ii))?

No \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, and the upper age is \_\_\_\_\_ (may not equal or exceed age 19).



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### 5.1.2 Categorical Eligibility

Does the Tribal Lead Agency implement categorical eligibility?

No. ([Skip to Section 5.1.3](#))

Yes

- a. Demonstrate that the Tribal Median Income (TMI) is below 85 percent of the State Median Income (SMI).

For a family size of 4:

1. 100% of State Median Income (SMI), \$ [redacted] /month
  2. 85% of State Median Income (SMI), \$ [redacted] /month
  3. 100% of Tribal Median Income (TMI), \$ [redacted] /month (must be less than 85% SMI)
- b. Document the TMI and SMI data sources. Tribal Lead Agencies may use Tribally collected income data, but Census data is preferred. The data should be the most recent median income (TMI or SMI) data available.
    1. Source of data and date of Tribal Median Income (e.g., American Community Survey, 2017):



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5.1.2 b. 2. Source of data, date of State Median Income, and name of State:

3. Attachment # or web address:

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Web Address:

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5.1.3 Eligibility Criteria Based on Reason for Care

In order to be eligible to receive CCDF services, children must reside with a parent or parents(s) who are working, attending a job training or educational program, receive or need to receive protective services or are engaged in a job search activity.

Tribal Lead Agencies have broad flexibility in defining “working,” “attending a job training program,” and “attending an educational program.” The definitions provided below should include any allowable activities, including travel time and study time. For example, a definition of “working” could include working for a salary or wages, self-employment, drug or alcohol rehabilitation, subsistence activities, job search, and/or volunteering, as well as the travel time to and from the activity. Definitions should also address any limitations, such as minimum hours required, or maximum hours allowed.

- a. How does the Tribal Lead Agency define “working, job training, education and attending a job training or educational program” for the purposes of CCDF eligibility at the time of determination? Provide the definitions below:



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5.1.3 1. “Working”:

Includes regular paid employment, self-employment, employer-sponsored training, apprenticeships, sheltered employment, and participation in programs such as AmeriCorps and internships. Working is also defined as being employed for a "qualified" employer, meaning the employer has a federal tax ID. Working may include approved subsistence activities, and work search.

2. “Job training”:

Includes participation in TANF program activities or the Food-Share Employment and Training Program (FSET), workforce training, Job training may also include short term job skills training, i.e. forklift certification, OSHA Training, etc.

3. “Education”:

Enrollment in classes to obtain HS diploma, HSED/GED. Also includes enrollment in an accredited college at least half time per educational institute policy, including on-line courses, required internships or other program requirements for up to 24 months, which leads to gainful employment, such as participating in a program that leads to a certificate, degree or license.



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5.1.3 4. “Attending job training or education program” (e.g., number of hours, travel time):

Travel time will be allowed for approved activities up to a half hour before and after the activity. However, if the actual drive time is more than 1 hour per day it may be granted based on the actual travel time per MapQuest or Google Maps.

5.1.4 Eligibility Based on Protective Services and Membership in Vulnerable Populations

Tribal Lead Agencies have the flexibility to define protective services beyond formal child welfare or foster care cases, including other vulnerable children such as children experiencing homelessness.

If the Tribal Lead Agency provides CCDF-funded child care to children in foster care whose foster care parents are not working or in education/training activities, these children are considered to be in protective services and must be included in this definition for CCDF purposes.

- a. Does the Tribal Lead Agency provide child care to children who receive, or need to receive, protective services?

No. ([Skip to Section 5.1.5](#))

Yes.

1. Define “protective services” for the purposes of eligibility:

For the purposes of eligibility protective services includes children who are placed out of their home into foster (state or tribal) care or with relatives (Kinship) through a court ordered placement or voluntary placement. Protective services also includes but not limited to children in abusive or neglectful situations, who are homeless, at risk for out of home placement, a parent that is unable to provide adequate care due to a disability, physical, mental or medical condition, attending in-patient or out-patient drug or alcohol rehabilitation, unable to care for the child due to addiction or a controlled substance.



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5.1.4 2. Are children in foster care considered to be in protective services?

No

Yes, and foster care is included under the Tribal Lead Agency's definition of protective services in [5.1.4\(a\)](#) above. (This means that, for CCDF purposes, the Tribal Lead Agency considers these children to be served under the protective services eligibility category).

3. Does the Tribal Lead Agency waive the income eligibility requirements for cases in which children receive, or need to receive, protective services on a case-by-case basis (658E(c)(5))?

No

Yes

4. Does the Tribal Lead Agency provide respite child care to custodial parents of children in protective services?

No

Yes, and respite care is included under the Tribal Lead Agency's definition of protective services in [5.1.4\(a\)](#) above.

5. Does the Tribal Lead Agency waive the asset limit on a case-by-case basis for families defined as receiving, or in need of, protective services?

No

Yes. Describe policy or procedure:

On a case by case basis, foster care families and children in court ordered out-of-home placements may be exempt from the asset limit test for financial eligibility.



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### 5.1.5 Eligibility Criteria Based on Family Income

- a. For the purposes of eligibility determination, Tribal Lead Agencies have flexibility in defining “income.” This flexibility allows for the exclusion or deduction of certain types of income from calculations of total family incomes.

How does the Tribal Lead Agency define “income” for the purposes of eligibility?

Money, wages or salary, adjusted income from self-employment, Social Security, dividends, interest on savings or bonds, income from estates or trusts, net rental income or royalties, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), pensions and annuities, unemployment insurance, worker's compensation, alimony and other maintenance payments, Tribal per capita payments and VA/military benefits. Child and family support payments when combined exceed \$1,250 per month; the employer paid portion of income earned through W-2 (Wisconsin's TANF program); private educational loans, scholarships, and grants that are not used for tuition and books. Deductions will be given for child support paid out of the House Hold for minor children. Minor children's SSI, unearned income of foster parents, subsidized guardianship/kinship are not counted.

- b. **Tribal Lead Agencies must establish CCDF family income eligibility limits.** Those limits cannot exceed 85 percent of the Grantee Median Income (GMI). A Tribal Lead Agency has the flexibility to use either State Median Income or Tribal Median Income as its GMI. Check the appropriate box below to indicate which option the Tribal Lead Agency has selected:

- State Median Income (SMI) for a family of the same size. \_\_\_\_\_

Source (e.g., U.S. Census Bureau, etc.):

ACF

State: Wisconsin

Year: 2019

- Tribal Median Income (TMI) for a family of the same size residing in the area served by the Tribal Lead Agency.

Source: (e.g., Tribal community assessment, etc.):

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

*Tribal Lead Agencies may use Tribally collected income data, but ACF strongly recommend that Tribal Lead Agencies use Census data. For either option, the data should be the most recent SMI or TMI data available.*



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5.1.5 c. **Tribal Lead Agencies must establish CCDF income eligibility levels.** Complete Table 5.1.5(c) for the Tribal Lead Agency's CCDF income eligibility levels.

Column (a) lists the current GMI for each family size.

Column (b) lists 85 percent of the current GMI for each family size (by law, this is the maximum allowable income for CCDF eligibility).

1. Has the Tribal Lead Agency chosen to set income eligibility limits below 85 percent of the current GMI?

No. **Do not complete columns (c)-(f).**

Yes. **Complete columns (c)-(f).**

Columns (c) and (d) show the Tribal Lead Agency's maximum income eligibility level for each family size at the time a family applies for CCDF services. Tribal Lead Agencies have the option of setting income eligibility limits below 85 percent of the current GMI.

Columns (e) and (f) list the Tribal Lead Agency's graduated phase-out or maximum "exit" income levels. If the Tribal Lead Agency sets income eligibility limits below 85 percent of the current GMI, it is subject to the graduated phase-out requirement described below. Tribal Lead Agencies that set their initial income eligibility levels at 85 percent of the current GMI are not subject to the graduated phase-out requirement (98.21(b)).

- Tribal Lead Agencies that establish initial family income eligibility below 85 percent of GMI must provide graduated phase-out by implementing two-tiered eligibility thresholds, with the second tier of eligibility (used at the time of eligibility re-determination) set at 85 percent of SMI for a family of the same size, or an amount lower than 85 percent of SMI, but above the Tribal Lead Agency's initial eligibility threshold. If the Tribal Lead Agency uses an amount lower than 85 percent of GMI, it must take into account the typical household budget for a low-income family, and provide justification that the eligibility threshold (1) is sufficient to accommodate increases in family income that promote and support family economic stability; and (2) reasonably allows a family to continue accessing child care services without unnecessary disruption (98.21(b)).

The income limit in column (e) cannot exceed the amount shown in column (b).



**Table 5.1.5(c): Tribal CCDF Income Eligibility Levels**

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
Family Size	100% of Grantee Median Income (GMI)	85% of GMI	(IF APPLICABLE) Maximum Income Level if lower than 85% Current GMI		(IF APPLICABLE) Maximum Phase-Out/Maximum "Exit" Income Level (cannot exceed 85% GMI)	
	\$/month	\$/month [Multiply (a) by 0.85]	\$/month	% of GMI [Divide (c) by (a), multiply by 100]	\$/month	% of GMI [Divide (e) by (a), multiply by 100]
1*	\$3817	\$3,244.45		0%		0%
2	\$4991	\$4,242.35		0%		0%
3	\$6165	\$5,240.25		0%		0%
4	\$7340	\$6,239.00		0%		0%
5	\$8514	\$7,236.90		0%		0%
6	\$9688	\$8,234.80		0%		0%
7	\$9909	\$8,422.65		0%		0%
8	\$10129	\$8,609.65		0%		0%

\*Note: On a case-by-case basis, Tribal Lead Agencies may consider a child in foster care to be a "family of one" for purposes of determining CCDF income eligibility.

d. During the eligibility determination or redetermination process, **the Tribal Lead Agency must consider fluctuations in family income.** Tribal Lead Agencies have the flexibility to consider irregular fluctuations in income when determining and re-determining eligibility. This is particularly important for families who rely on work that is unpredictable or seasonal in nature, such as agriculture, construction work, or subsistence activities such as hunting and fishing. Families may experience a temporary spike in income due to working increased hours over a short period, yet those earnings are not representative of the family's income over the course of a year.

How does the Tribal Lead Agency take income fluctuations into account when re-determining eligibility? Check all that apply.

- Averaging income annually
- Disregarding temporary, short-term income increases



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5.1.5 d.  Other. Describe:

Will utilize and verify the last 30 days of household income

e. Tribal Lead Agencies are required to ensure that children receiving CCDF funds do not have family assets that exceed \$1,000,000, as certified by a family member (98.20(a)(2)(ii)). Tribal Lead Agencies can meet this requirement through family self-certification, either in the application, interview process, or through another method as determined by the Tribal Lead Agency.

Describe how the family member certifies that family assets do not exceed \$1,000,000:

The assets will be self-declared per the CCDF application.



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5.1.6 The Tribal Lead Agency has flexibility in establishing additional eligibility criteria. Additional criteria could include, for example, Tribal applicants first applying with the State CCDF program; higher income limits in one part of the Tribal service area.

a. Does the Tribal Lead Agency establish additional eligibility criteria (98.16(g)(5), 98.20(b))?

No

Yes. Describe:

Tribal applicants must apply to the Wisconsin Shares program as a initial requirement prior to applying for CCDF unless other program policy or procedures would exclude them from the Wisconsin Shares program.

b. If additional eligibility criteria include different income eligibility limits, please attach additional income eligibility tables and indicate attachment(s) #:

Add or remove attachment



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## 5.2 Application and Eligibility Determination/Redetermination Process

### 5.2.1 Tribal Lead Agencies must inform parents of eligible children and the general public of the process by which they can apply for Tribal CCDF assistance (658E(c)(2)(E)(i)(1)).

How are parents informed of the availability of child care assistance under Tribal CCDF? Check all that apply.

- Tribal Lead Agency
- Child care providers
- Child care resource and referral agencies
- Public and/or Tribal schools
- Early Head Start/Head Start programs
- Health Clinics
- TANF offices
- Other Tribal offices
- Other governmental offices
- Community outreach events
- Radio and/or television
- Social media
- Internet. Provide website(s):

[www.oneida-nsn.gov/resources/economic-support](http://www.oneida-nsn.gov/resources/economic-support) or by request.



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5.2.1  Other. Describe:

Tribal newspaper/communications

5.2.2 How can parents apply for child care services? Check all that apply.

In-person interview or orientation

Phone

Mail

At the child care provider's site

Electronically via online application or email (provide website):

email at: [economic\\_support@oneidanation.org](mailto:economic_support@oneidanation.org)

Other. Describe:



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5.2.3 **Tribal Lead Agencies are required to have procedures for documenting and verifying that children and families receiving CCDF funds meet eligibility criteria at the time of eligibility determination and redetermination (98.68(c)).** Check the information that the Tribal Lead Agency documents and verifies and describe, at a minimum, what information is required and how often. Check all that apply.

Child's age:

The child's date of birth will be self-declared on application; unless questionable.

Work:

Work schedules are provided by applicant; employment is verified by pay stubs, employment verification form, or a signed letter from the employer. Employment/work is verified each time there is an employment change.

Job training or education program:

School schedules/acceptance letters and educational plans will be provided by the applicant at the time of application, renewal and for each school semester/term. TANF and FSET participants must provide verification of their program activities at application.



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5.2.3 Check and describe all that apply.

Family income:

All household income verification for the last 30 days is required at time of application, renewal and when income changes. Pay stubs, employer verification, award letters (for unearned income), written statements from employer and the Wisconsin Shares CARES child care budget page can all be used to verify income.

Household composition:

The household composition is self-declared on application; unless questionable.

Applicant identity:

Tribal enrollment verification (state ID if not enrolled in a federally recognized tribe).



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5.2.3 Check and describe all that apply.

Applicant's relationship to the child:

Self-declared on application; unless questionable upon application.

Applicant's residence:

Residency verification (mail that is postmarked within the last 30 days or current lease) upon application and renewal. Any other reliable documents that verifies Wisconsin residency and residence.

Other:

- Legal custody or other verification regarding protective services of child(ren) upon application and as needed.
- professional referrals/medical documents if applicable as needed.
- CCDF application completed initially and upon renewal.
- Social security numbers for all household members upon application.



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5.2.4 Which strategies, if any, will the Tribal Lead Agency use to ensure the timeliness of eligibility determinations upon receipt of applications? Check all that apply.

Time limit for making eligibility determinations. Describe length of time:

The time limit for eligibility determination is within ten (10) business days of a completed application. A completed application includes all the required verification/documentation.

Track and monitor the eligibility determination process

Other. Describe:

None

5.2.5 12-Month Eligibility

**Tribal Lead Agencies are required to establish a minimum 12-month eligibility and redetermination period, regardless of changes in family's eligibility, in age, including turning 13 years old during the 12-month eligibility period; and in residency within a Tribal service area (658E(c)(2)(N)(i) and (ii)); 45 C.F.R § 98.21(a)(1)).**

Tribal Lead Agencies must provide a minimum 12-month eligibility and redetermination period as long as the family's income does not exceed the federal threshold of 85 percent of the grantee median income. The Tribal Lead Agency may not terminate assistance prior to the end of the 12-

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month period if a family experiences temporary changes in participation in work, training, or educational activities (658E(c)(2)(N)(i) and (ii)).

5.2.5 a. Describe the Tribal Lead Agency's policies and procedures in implementing the minimum 12-month eligibility and redetermination requirements:

Twelve (12) month eligibility applies to all eligibility and redetermination periods, regardless of: changes in income, as long as the income does not exceed 85 percent, temporary changes in work, education or job training.

b. Check all of the following to certify that the Tribal Lead Agency's definition of a "temporary changes in activity" includes the required conditions.

- Time-limited absence from work for an employed parent due to such reasons as the need to care for a family member or an illness
- Interruption in work for a seasonal worker
- Student holidays or breaks for a parent participating in a training or educational program
- Reduction in work, training, or education hours, as long as the parent is still working or attending a training or educational program
- Other cessation of work or attendance at a training or educational program that does not exceed three months or a longer period of time established by the Tribal Lead Agency
- Changes in residency within the State, Territory, or Tribal service area
- A child turning 13 years old during the 12-month eligibility period



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5.2.5 c. Describe any additional conditions in the Tribal Lead Agency's definition of "temporary changes in activity":

N/A



5.2.6 *Option to discontinue assistance during the 12-month eligibility period.*

A Tribal Lead Agency has the option to discontinue assistance during the 12-month eligibility period due to a parent's non-temporary loss of work or cessation of attendance at a job training or educational program; however, it must provide at least three months of continued assistance at the same level after such loss or cessation. At the end of the minimum three-month period of continued assistance, if the parent has engaged in a qualifying work, training, or educational program activity with an income below 85 percent of SMI, assistance cannot be terminated, and the child must continue receiving assistance until the next scheduled redetermination or, at the Tribal Lead Agency option, for an additional minimum 12-month eligibility period (98.21 (a)).

- a. Does the Tribal Lead Agency choose to discontinue assistance during the 12-month eligibility period due to a parent's non-temporary loss or cessation of eligible activity, and offer a minimum three-month period to allow parents to engage in a job search and to resume participation in an eligible activity?

- Yes. Describe the Tribal Lead Agency's policies and procedures for discontinuing assistance due to a parent's non-temporary change and the length of the job search period:

The TLA will provide at least 3 months of continued assistance at the same level after the approved activity cessation.

The TLA exercises the option to terminate assistance prior to redetermination at 12 months and allows a three-month approved activity search period to re-engage in another approved activity. If an approved activity is obtained the authorization period will be allowed to continue until the scheduled redetermination to ensure the family is income eligible. If no approved activity is obtained at the end of the three-months, eligibility will be terminated.

- No. The Tribal Lead Agency does not discontinue assistance during the 12-month eligibility period due to a parent's non-temporary change.



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5.2.6 b. *The Tribal Lead Agency may discontinue assistance prior to the next 12-month redetermination in the following limited circumstances. Check all that apply.*

- Excessive unexplained absences (after multiple attempts to contact family, including the prior notification of a possible discontinuation of assistance.).
- A change in residency outside of the Tribal service area.
- Substantiated fraud or intentional program violations that invalidate prior determinations of eligibility. Describe the violations that lead to discontinuing assistance:

Excessive unexplained absence is defined as no attendance by the child for the 30 previous days when the provision of child care services was expected by the TLA and the parent has not contacted the provider or TLA to explain the child's absence. If a family moves out of the CCDF service area assistance will be discontinued. The following are client intentional program violations such as: misrepresentation of income, household composition, child care need, residency, participation in an approved activity, providing false or fraudulent documentation, identification or SSN, collusion with a child care provider. When substantiated fraud or intentional program violations are committed the TLA will deny subsidy funds and authorizations for the following durations: 3 months for a first violation, 6 months for a second violation and 12 months for a third violation with reconsideration for extenuating circumstances that may otherwise negatively effect the health and safety of child.



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#### 5.2.7 Change reporting during the 12-month eligibility period

Families are required to report to the Tribal Lead Agency at any time during the 12-month eligibility period if the family's income exceeds 85 percent of the GMI, taking into account irregular fluctuations in income (98.21(e)(1)).

**Any additional reporting requirements during the 12-month eligibility period must be limited to items that impact a family's eligibility (e.g., that impact the Tribal Lead Agency's ability to contact the family or pay the child care providers) and shall not require an office visit.** In addition, the Tribal Lead Agency must offer a range of notification options to accommodate families.

**Tribal Lead Agencies are required to have procedures and policies in place to ensure that parents (especially parents in families receiving assistance under the TANF program) are not required to unduly disrupt their employment, education, or job training activities to comply with the Tribal Lead Agency's or designated local entity's requirements for the redetermination of eligibility for assistance (658E(c)(2)(N)(ii); 98.21(d))**

Does the Tribal Lead Agency require families to report other changes?

- a. Does the Tribal Lead Agency require families to report other changes (e.g., change of address, change in need for child care, change in child care provider)?

No

Yes. Describe

Any changes in (but not limited to) income, persons living in the home, a change in job/education status, child care provider, or child care need must be reported within 10 business days of the change. Changes in a different child care provider during the authorization period may result in parent/guardian being responsible for child care costs and associated fees to the new provider.



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- 5.2.7 b. Describe how the Tribal Lead Agency ensures that reporting changes are not burdensome and avoid an impact on continued eligibility between redeterminations (e.g., reporting changes by mail, email, online forms, or in-person; extended submission hours; etc.):

Families can report changes by mail, phone, email, fax, in person or by using the after-hours department drop box. Changes are preferred to be in writing in all circumstances.



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- 5.2.8 Certify by describing the Tribal Lead Agency's procedures for ensuring that parents have unlimited access to their children whenever their children are in the care of a provider who receives CCDF funds (658E(c)(2)(B); 98.16(t)):

The state of Wisconsin licensing policies has a mandatory policy that requires all child care providers to allow parents to see their children at any time. This is enforced by the State licensing specialist.



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5.2.9 **Tribal Lead Agencies are required to inform parents who receive TANF benefits about the exception to the individual penalties associated with the work requirement for any single custodial parent who has a demonstrated inability to obtain needed child care for a child younger than age 6 (98.16(v); 98.33(f)).**

The TANF agency, not the Tribal CCDF Tribal Lead Agency, is responsible for establishing the following criteria or definitions. These criteria or definitions are offered in this Plan as a matter of public record. This question is for informational purposes.

The Tribal Lead Agency may choose to coordinate with either the Tribal TANF agency or agencies within the service area, the State TANF agency, or both. The definitions provided should be gathered from the TANF agency that is most relevant and works more closely with the Tribal Lead Agency.

- a. Identify the TANF agency that established these criteria or definitions:

State TANF Agency:

Forward Services

Tribal TANF Agency:

Oneida Nation Economic Support



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5.2.9 b. Provide the following criteria or definitions established by the TANF Agency:

1. "Appropriate child care":

Is defined as a formal or informal child care arrangement. Formal child care means at least one licensed or certified child care facility. Informal child care is defined as an arrangement in which the child care provider is neither licensed nor certified (Family or relative care).

2. "Reasonable distance":

A child care within one hour (one-way), commuting using available transportation, from parents home to the child care providers location to the parents work activity site. Travel time may be extended by a case-by-case basis.

3. "Unsuitability of informal child care":

N/A



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5.2.9 b. 4. “Affordable child care arrangements”:

Care that is not above the State of Wisconsin shares subsidy program rates for licensed and certified child care.

c. How are parents who receive TANF benefits informed about the exception to individual penalties associated with the TANF work requirements? Briefly describe the process:

In writing. Describe:

Client receives sanction letter when client fails to complete their required activities as described by the TANF plan.

Verbally. Describe:

Clients are informed at intake of potential sanctions for failure to meet work requirements



### 5.3 Improving Access for Vulnerable Children and Families

**Tribal Lead Agencies are required to give priority for child care assistance to “children with special needs” and children experiencing homelessness** (658E(c)(3)(B); 98.46(a)). The prioritization of CCDF assistance services is not limited to eligibility determination (e.g., prioritize for enrollment, serve without placing vulnerable populations on waiting lists, waive co-payments, pay higher rates for access to higher quality care, use grants or contracts to reserve slots for priority populations).

#### 5.3.1 Children with Special Needs

Tribal Lead Agencies have flexibility in how they define “children with special needs.” The definition of “children with special needs” may include children with physical or mental disabilities or children who are considered part of “vulnerable populations” (e.g., families with very low incomes, children at risk of receiving protective services, children with teen parents, etc.).

a. Describe how the Tribal Lead Agency defines “children with special needs”:

A developmental, emotional, behavioral, physical or personal need of a child requiring more than the usual amount of care and supervision for the child's age, as documented by a physician, psychologist, special educator, or other qualified licensed professional. Children who have been determined by a qualified professional as having a special need may have payment authorized at a higher level or reimbursement on a case by case basis. Special needs children may be eligible for having in home care authorized.

b. Describe how the Tribal Lead Agency will give priority for child care services to children with special needs:

The CCDF program services children in the order the families applied. In the event of a waiting list children with special needs would be placed at the top of the list. The TLA can provide eligible parents who have a child with a special need or disability with an increased subsidy amount to assist their child care provider with any additional costs for services to help support the inclusive care of the child.



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### 5.3.2 Services for Children Experiencing Homelessness

As defined in Section 725 of Subtitle VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a; 98.2), children experiencing homelessness are those who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, and include children who are:

- Sharing the housing of others due to a housing, economic hardship, or similar reason
- Living in hotels, motels, trailer parks, or campgrounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters
- Abandoned in hospitals
- Living in a primary nighttime residence that is public or not designed for human beings
- Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings
- Migrant children

#### **Tribal Lead Agencies are required to expend CCDF funds to:**

- Permit the enrollment (after an initial eligibility determination) of children experiencing homelessness while required documentation is obtained allowing a grace period
  - Provide training and technical assistance to child care providers and the appropriate Tribal Lead Agency (or designated entity) staff in identifying and serving children experiencing homelessness
  - Conduct specific outreach to families experiencing homelessness (658E(c)(3)(B)(i); 98.51)
- a. Describe how the Tribal Lead Agency improves access to child care for children and families experiencing homelessness (e.g., adding new providers near homeless shelters, etc.):

Sharing information with local homeless shelters, school social works and professionals working with young children.



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5.3.2 b. Describe how services are prioritized for children experiencing homelessness:

Families experiencing homelessness may be determined eligible and receive services while being exempt from providing address verification. No other verification requirements are waived. An extension may be available for families that need more time to obtain the required verifications.

c. Describe how the Tribal Lead Agency conducts outreach to children experiencing homelessness and their families:

[Empty text box for describing outreach to children experiencing homelessness and their families.]



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5.3.2 b. Tribal Lead Agencies must establish a grace period that allows children experiencing homelessness and children in foster care to receive CCDF assistance while providing their families with a reasonable time to take any necessary actions to comply with immunization and other health and safety requirements. The length of such a grace period shall be established in consultation with the State, Territorial, or Tribal health agency (658E(c)(2)(I)(i)(I); 98.41(a)(1)(i)(C)).

1. Describe the grace period and how it was established:

Adopting the Wisconsin State licensing standards  
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

Allows a 30-day grace period (six calendar weeks) after the date on which a child is admitted (first day of attendance) to a child care center to supply immunization records.

2. Describe how the length of the grace period was established in consultation with Tribal health agencies for children experiencing homelessness and children in foster care:

Adopting the Wisconsin State licensing standards  
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

Partners with the state department of Health Services (DHS) as well as with local health departments to ensure providers are aware of local services where they can refer families to meet immunization and other health and safety requirements.



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5.3.3 Does the Tribal Lead Agency have additional priority rules or categories?

No

Yes. Define the additional priority rules:



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#### 5.3.4 Building the Supply of Child Care

**Tribal Lead Agencies are required to develop and implement strategies to increase the supply of child care services and to improve the quality of care for children who are typically underserved.** These populations include children in underserved areas, infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, and children who receive care during non-traditional areas ([see for additional guidance](#)).

Describe the strategies being implemented by the Tribal Lead Agency to increase the supply and improve the quality of child care services for each of the following groups of children.

a. Children in underserved areas. Describe:

To collect and analyze the community data on child care and child care quality. The TLA will continue to ensure that underserved children receive stable child care and continuity of care. After assessing the gaps strategies may include offering grants/contracts for slots or for quality improvement grants/bonuses to support providers, education, training and professional development opportunities for providers and technical support.

b. Infants and toddlers. Describe:

Infant and toddler slots may be more difficult to find and families may have multiple centers resulting in higher rates. Many providers do not provide full-time infant/toddler slots; the TLA will pay the full-time rate for the part-time care.

Strategies may include offering grants/contracts for slots or for quality improvement grants/bonuses to support providers, offer education, training and professional development opportunities for providers and technical support.



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5.3.4 c. Children with disabilities. Describe:

The TLA may pay higher rates based on child's disability or additional responsibilities required by the provider. Will coordinate possible services with community programs. Strategies may included offering grants/contracts for provider slots or for quality improvement grants to support providers, offer education, training and professional development opportunities for providers and technical support.

d. Children who receive care during non-traditional hours. Describe:

The TLA will consider relative care for families needing child care during non-traditional hours, nights and/or weekends. Strategies may include offering educational, training and professional development opportunities, grants/bonuses and technical support.



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#### 5.4 Family Contribution to Payments

**Tribal Lead Agencies that have eligibility criteria based on family income must establish and periodically revise a sliding-fee scale that varies based on income and the size of the family to determine each family's contribution (i.e., co-payment) that is not a barrier to families receiving CCDF funds (658E(c)(5)).**

##### 5.4.1 Family Contribution to Payment

In addition to income and size of the family, the Tribal Lead Agency may use other factors when determining family contributions/co-payments. Tribal Lead Agencies, however, may not use cost of care or amount of subsidy payment in determining copayments (98.45(k)(2)).

- a. Attach a copy of the sliding fee scale

Enter Attachment #:

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Parent Payment Chart.pdf

- b. What is the effective date of the sliding-fee scale(s)? 10/01/2019
- c. Will the attached sliding fee scale be used in all parts of the service area?

Yes. \_\_\_\_\_

No. Attach other sliding fee scale(s)

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5.4.1 d. How will the family's contribution be calculated, and to whom will it be applied? Check all that apply.

- The fee is a dollar amount and:
  - The fee is per child, with the same fee for each child.
  - The fee is per child and is discounted for two or more children.
  - The fee is per child up to a maximum per family.
  - No additional fee is charged after certain number of children.
  - The fee is per family.
  - The contribution schedule varies because it is set locally/regionally. Describe:

- Other. Describe:



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5.4.1 d. Check and describe all that apply.

The fee is a percent of income and:

- The fee is per child, with the same percentage applied for each child.
- The fee is per child, and a discounted percentage is applied for two or more children.
- The fee is per child up to a maximum per family.
- No additional percentage is charged after certain number of children.
- The fee is per family.
- The contribution schedule varies because it is set locally/regionally ([as indicated in 5.4.1\(c\)](#)). Describe:

Other. Describe:

Protective Service may have parent payment waived or reduced on a case by case basis.



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5.4.1 e. Does the Tribal Lead Agency use other factors in addition to income and family size to determine each family's co-payment (658E(c)(3)(B))? Reminder: Tribal Lead Agencies may not use cost of care or amount of subsidy payment in determining copayments (98.45(k)(2)).

No \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, check and describe those additional factors below:

Number of hours the child is in care. Describe:

Lower co-payments for a higher quality of care, as defined by the Tribal Lead Agency. Describe:



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5.4.1 e.  Other. Describe:

f. How will the Tribal Lead Agency ensure that the family contribution/co-payment is affordable and is not a barrier to families receiving CCDF funds? Check all that apply.

Limit the maximum co-payment per family. Describe:

Not to exceed 7% of the HH gross income.



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5.4.1 f. Check and describe all that apply.

- Limit the combined amount of co-payment for all children to a percentage of family income. List the percentage of the co-payment limit and describe:

- Minimize the abrupt termination of assistance before a family can afford the full cost of care (“the cliff effect”) as part of the graduated phase-out of assistance. Describe:

- Other. Describe:



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- 5.4.1 g. *The Tribal Lead Agency may waive contributions/co-payments from families whose incomes are at or below the poverty level for a family of the same size; for families who are receiving or needing to receive protective services, as determined for purposes of CCDF eligibility; or who meet other criteria established by the Tribal Lead Agency (98.45(k)(4)).*

Does the Tribal Lead Agency waive family contributions/co-payments? Check all that apply.

- Yes, the Tribal Lead Agency waives family contributions/co-payments for families with an income at or below the poverty level for families of the same size.
- Yes, the Tribal Lead Agency waives family contributions/co-payments for families who are receiving or needing to receive protective services, as determined by the Tribal Lead Agency for purposes of CCDF eligibility.
- Yes, the Tribal Lead Agency waives family contributions/co-payments for other criteria established by the Tribal Lead Agency (e.g., families experiencing homelessness, migrant workers, and victims of human trafficking, families receiving TANF, etc.). Describe the criteria:

TLA waives the family contributions/co-payments for families experiencing homelessness.

- No, the Tribal Lead Agency does not waive family contributions/co-payments.



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5.4.1 h. Does the Tribal Lead Agency allow providers to charge families additional amounts above the required co-payment in instances where the provider's price exceeds the subsidy payment (98.45(b)(5))?

No

Yes. If yes: Describe the policy and/or procedure:

Providers may charge extra fees such as: activity fees, fees for field trips, fees from outside services, late pick up fees and late payment fees or other miscellaneous fees.



## 6 Ensure Equal Access to Quality Child Care for Low-Income Children (*Tribes with Medium and Large Allocations*)

### 6.1 Description of Direct Child Care Services

CCDF direct services may be provided through a subsidy program where the Tribal Lead Agency offers certificates for parents to use in any approved child care setting; through a Tribal CCDF-Operated Center; or through grants or contracts that allocate slots with a provider who offers child care services. The Final Rule established three categories of care:

- In-home child care: care provided in the child's home
- Family child care: care provided in a private residence other than the child's residence
- Center-based child care: group care provided in a facility outside of the child's or provider's home

***Tribes with large allocations* are required to operate a certificate program that permits parents to choose care from all three categories of care.**

#### 6.1.1 Child Care Services (658E(c)(2)(A); 658E(c)(3)(A)-(B); 658P(6)-(7); 98.16(i)(1); 98.30; 98.50)

- a. The Tribal Lead Agency allows parents to choose from the following categories of care. Choose all that apply (***Tribes with large allocations* must offer all three categories of care below**):

- Center-based child care, including a Tribally operated center
- Family child care home
- In-home child care



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6.1.1 b. If the Tribal Lead Agency allows for in-home care (i.e., care provided in the child's own home) as described in 98.16(i)(2), does the Tribal Lead Agency limit the use of in-home care in any way?

No

Yes. What limits does the Tribal Lead Agency set? Check all that apply.

Restricted based on minimum number of children in the care of the provider due to the Fair Labor Standards Act (minimum wage) requirement. Describe:

Restricted based on provider meeting a minimum age requirement (a relative provider must be at least 18 years of age based on the definition of eligible child care provider (98.2)). Describe:

Provider must be at least 18 years of age.



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6.1.1 b. Check and describe all that apply.

Restricted based on hours of care (a certain number of hours, non-traditional work hours, etc.). Describe:

In home care will be restricted to special need children, or non-traditional child care hours.

Restricted to care by relatives only. Describe:



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6.1.1 b. Check and describe all that apply.

Restricted to care for children with special needs or medical conditions.

Describe:

In-home care can be utilized when a special need or medical condition requires specific equipment that is in the child's home.

Restricted to in-home providers that meet additional health and safety requirements beyond those required by CCDF. Describe:



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6.1.1 b. Check and describe all that apply.

Other. Describe:

c. How does the Tribal Lead Agency fund its direct child care services? Choose all that apply

- Certificates
- Grants or Contracts with approved child care providers
- CCDF funded Tribally operated center

i) Does the Tribal Lead Agency provide child care services exclusively through Tribally operated centers?

Yes (*option available only to Tribes with medium allocations*).

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No.



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6.1.1 d. Does the Tribal Lead Agency use grants or contracts for child care slots to increase the supply and/or improve the quality of child care programs (658E(c)(2)(M))?

No

Yes. Grant or contract-funded slots are used to increase the supply and/or improve the quality of the following types of child care programs through:

Providers offering native language education or a culturally-based curriculum

Providers serving specific populations (such as children with disabilities, infants and toddlers, school-age children, children experiencing homelessness, and children in isolated geographic areas)

Providers serving children needing care during non-traditional hours

Providers meeting or exceeding higher quality standards, such as programs with higher Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) ratings or nationally accredited programs

Providers offering bonuses, higher pay, or other financial incentives to teaching staff for reaching higher levels of education and/or qualifications

Other. Describe:

The TLA may offer grants/contracts in the future to providers that offer quality care as mentioned above as needed.



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6.1.2 How are parents informed of the option to choose from the full range of child care provider categories – centers, family child care homes, in-home providers, and other provider types as applicable (658E(c)(2)(A)(i); 658P (2); 658Q)? Check all that apply.

- Certificate that also include information about the choice of providers, including high quality providers
- Consumer education materials on choosing child care
- Verbal communication at the time of application
- Community outreach, workshops, or other in-person activities
- Other. Describe:

The TLA will refer parents to the CCR&R if needed.

## 6.2 Assessing Child Care Market Rates

The regulations at 98.83(d)(1)(iv) exempt all Tribal Lead Agencies from the requirement to use a market rate survey or alternative methodology to set provider payment rates because many Tribal service areas are in rural, isolated areas, making such a requirement difficult.

While they are exempt from the market rate survey requirement, **Tribal Lead Agencies must set sufficient base payment rates to provide equal access to the full range of child care services and set rates that cover the costs of providing higher quality care.** At a minimum, *Tribes with large allocations* must operate certificate programs and are required to show how payment rates are adequate, including a description of how payment rates are established and support the health, safety, quality, staffing requirements, along with the cost of providing higher quality care, and, where applicable, support cultural and linguistic appropriateness.

*Tribal Lead Agencies, at their option, may still conduct a market rate survey or an alternative methodology approach or use the State's methodologies to set payment rates.* If using an alternative methodology, a Tribal Lead Agency may use child care resource and referral data to assess child care costs in its service area. [See for additional alternative methodology guidance.](#)



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6.2.1 How did the Tribal Lead Agency assess the cost of care? Please indicate if any of the following sources of information were used in assessing the cost of care or price of care within the service area. Choose all that apply:

State Market Rate Survey. State(s):

Adopting the Wisconsin State standards  
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

Date(s) completed:

5/7/18

State Alternative Methodology. State(s):

Adopting the Wisconsin State standards  
<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

Date(s) completed:



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6.2.1 Check and describe all that apply.

Child Care Resource and Referral Data. Describe:

Tribal Market Rate Survey: Date completed:

Alternative Methodology. Date completed:

Other. Describe:



### 6.3 Setting Payment Rates for Child Care Services

**Tribal Lead Agencies are required to establish payment rates for child care services that ensure eligible families have equal access to child care services comparable to those services provided to families not eligible to receive CCDF services (658E(c)(4); 98.16(r); 98.45(a); 98.45(b)(1)-(2); (98.45(b)(7)-(8).**

#### 6.3.1 Describe how the Tribal Lead Agency establishes payment rates:

Payment rates for child care services are not established by the TLA, but through the state of Wisconsin. The TLA does not have a CCDF child care center.

#### 6.3.2 Tribal Lead Agencies are required to set base payment rates *at least* at a level sufficient to cover the costs to provider of the health, safety, quality and staffing requirements included in the Act and the final rule.

Describe how the Tribal Lead Agency's base payment rates enable providers to meet the health, safety, quality, and staffing requirements under CCDF:

Payment rates for child care services are not established by the tribal agency, but through the state of Wisconsin. The TLA does not have a CCDF child care center.



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- 6.3.3 Describe how the Tribal Lead Agency's base payment rates support quality and meet the needs of the Tribal communities they serve (e.g., where applicable, cultural and linguistic appropriateness):

Payment rates for child care services are not established by the TLA, but through the state of Wisconsin. The TLA does not have a CCDF child care center.

- 6.3.4 The payment rates should reflect the variety of care offered in your program (for example, different rates based on the child's age, the category of care, hours of care offered, etc.). Tribal Lead Agencies are reminded that payment rates cannot be based on a family's eligibility such as receiving TANF or participation in education or training. Include all payment rates and definition of service areas in the attached payment rates.
- a. The Tribal Lead Agency's payment rates are provided in Attachment #:

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[Redacted area]

- b. The effective date of those payment rates is: [Redacted] (Include tiered/differential rates on the payment rate attachment(s).)
- 6.3.5 Tribal Lead Agencies can choose to establish tiered rates, differential rates, or add-ons to their base rates. This allows them to increase payments for targeted needs (i.e., a higher rate for children with special needs as an incentive and to cover additional costs).

**Tribal Lead Agencies must set payment rates that ensure eligible families have the same access to care as families not eligible for subsidies.** They may set the rates based on what providers charge for care, but also must take into account the cost of care to providers. Providers usually set their prices based on a number of factors impacted by the cost of providing care, such as: staff salaries and benefits, training and professional development, curricula and supplies, group size and child/staff ratios, enrollment levels, facility size, and other costs. Taking those factors into account means that Tribal Lead Agencies may set different rates for different kinds of care;



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for example, payment rates for infants may be higher than rates for school-age care because it costs providers more to offer infant care given more restricted child/staff ratios.

In addition, Tribal Lead Agencies can choose to set tiered payment rates or create rate add-ons (sometimes called “differential rates”) to their regular rates to increase payments for targeted needs. For example, a Tribal Lead Agency could encourage more care during non-traditional hours by paying providers who work evenings a 15 percent add-on over the regular payment rate. An example of tiered rates is paying family child care providers who earn a CDA five percent more than the regular rate and paying those that earn accreditation 10 percent more. Tiered rates and add-ons are often used to encourage and support care for specific populations (such as children with special needs, infants and toddlers, school-age children, children in rural areas, or children experiencing homelessness) and to encourage providers to increase or sustain their program quality.

Does the Tribal Lead Agency provide any type of tiered payment or differential (add-on) rates 658E(c)(4)(C)(ii)?

No

Yes

Describe each of the tiered rates the Tribal Lead Agency has chosen to implement. Check all that apply.

Differential rate for non-traditional hours

Differential rate for children with special needs, as defined by the Tribal Lead Agency

Differential rate for infants and toddlers

Differential rate for school-age programs

Differential rate for higher quality, as defined by the Tribal Lead Agency

Other differential rates or tiered rates. Describe:



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6.3.6 How does the Tribal Lead Agency ensure that payment rates are sufficient to ensure equal access? Equal access would offer children receiving CCDF subsidies access to the same services (type of care, quality of care) as children not receiving CCDF. To certify, check all that apply and provide a description of the rationale that the Tribal Lead Agency used to determine equal access (658E (c)(4)(A)).

Feedback from parents, including parent surveys or parent complaints. Describe:

Feedback from providers, including provider surveys or provider complaints.

Using tiered rates/differential rates ([as described in 6.3.5](#)) to increase access for high needs populations.

Payment rates are set at the 75th percentile or higher of the most recent State or Tribal market rate survey.

Other. Describe:

Payment rates are established by the state. TLA is not a CCDF child care provider.



#### 6.4 Payment Practices and Timeliness of Payments to Providers

**The Tribal Lead Agency must establish payment practices that apply to all CCDF child care providers in the Tribe's service area that include ensuring the timeliness of payments** by either (1) paying prospectively prior to the delivery of services or (2) paying within no more than 21 calendar days of the receipt of a complete invoice for services. To the extent practicable, the Tribal Lead Agency must also support the fixed costs of providing child care services by delinking provider payments from a child's occasional absences by (1) paying based on a child's enrollment rather than attendance, (2) providing full payment if a child attends at least 85 percent of the authorized time, (3) providing full payment if a child is absent for five or fewer days in a month, or (4) using an alternative approach for which the Tribal Lead Agency provides a justification in its Plan (658E(c)(2)(S)(ii); 98.45(l)(2)).

**Tribal Lead Agencies are also required to use CCDF payment practices that reflect generally accepted payment practices of child care providers who serve children who do not receive CCDF-funded assistance.** Unless the Tribal Lead Agency is able to demonstrate that the following policies are not generally accepted in its service area or among particular categories or types of providers, Tribal Lead Agencies must (1) pay providers based on established part-time or full-time rates rather than paying for hours of service or smaller increments of time and (2) pay for reasonable, mandatory registration fees that the provider charges to private-paying parents (658E(c)(2)(S); 98.45(l)(3)).

In addition, there are other generally accepted payment practices that are required. **Tribal Lead Agencies are required to ensure that child care providers receive payment for any services in accordance with a payment agreement or an authorization for services, ensure that child care providers receive prompt notice of changes to a family's eligibility status that could impact payment, and establish timely appeal and resolution processes for any payment inaccuracies and disputes** (98.45(l)(4)-(6); 658E(c)(2)(S)(ii)).



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6.4.1 The Tribal Lead Agency must ensure the timeliness of payments by either option below. Check which option you are implementing:

Paying providers prior to the delivery of child care services. Describe the policy or procedure:

[Empty text box for describing the policy or procedure for paying providers prior to the delivery of child care services.]

Paying providers within no more than 21 calendar days of the time a complete invoice for services has been received from the provider. Describe the policy or procedure:

Providers submit a monthly invoice for the previous month. Upon receipt it will be processed for payment within 10 days and sent to the Tribal Accounting Department. The Accounting Department will then have up to 10 days to process the payment. Most providers use the direct deposit option.



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- 6.4.2 **To the extent practicable, the Tribal Lead Agency must support the fixed costs of providing child care services by delinking provider payments from a child’s occasional absences.** Tribal Lead Agencies that do not choose one of the three options listed below have the flexibility to use an alternative approach but must provide justification that the alternative approach is as thorough as the three options provided. (For example, a Tribal Lead Agency may choose to allow for additional excused and/or unexcused absences above the level of 85 percent or allow for more than five absences and still provide for the full payment. They also may choose an alternative time period for measuring absences such as using multiple months instead of just one month).

The Tribal Lead Agency must support the fixed costs of providing child care services by delinking provider payments from a child’s occasional absences. Check the option below that the Tribal Lead Agency is implementing:

- Paying providers based on a child’s enrollment rather than paying based on attendance. \_\_\_\_\_
- Providing full payment to providers if the child attends at least 85% of the authorized time.
- Providing full payment to providers if the child is absent for five or fewer days in a month.
- Use of an alternative approach for which the Tribal Lead Agency provides justification in its plan. Describe the alternative approach and justification that this approach is not weaker than the three options listed above:



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6.4.3 The Tribal Lead Agency's payment practices must reflect generally accepted payment practices of child care providers who serve children who do not receive CCDF subsidies. Describe the policy or procedure for the following two practices or evidence that such practices are not generally accepted in its service area (658E(c)(2)(S); 98.45(l)(3)). Check all that apply.

- Paying on a part-time or full-time basis (rather than paying hourly or for smaller increments of time). Describe the policy or procedure or describe why this practice is not generally accepted:

Many of the centers have full and part time rates, there are some centers that do not provide part time slots for infants, so the TLA will pay the full-time rate. Hourly rates may be utilized by the provider when the cost is less than the part-time rate and it is beneficial to the parent.

- Paying for reasonable mandatory registration fees that the provider charges to private paying parents (this requirement does not include other fees such as activity or transportation fees). Describe the policy or procedure or describe why this practice is not generally accepted:

The TLA procedure is to pay the child care provider mandatory registration fee directly to provider on an annual basis.



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- 6.4.4 The Tribal Lead Agency ensures that providers are paid in accordance with a written payment agreement or an authorization for services that include, at a minimum, information regarding provider payment policies, including rates, schedules, any fees charged to the providers, and dispute-resolution process. Describe the policy or procedure:

When a family is found eligible for child care assistance an email will be sent directly to the provider. The email will include a child care authorization form that lists the following information: parent name, address and phone number, provider name, address, phone number and tribal vendor number, the provider type, the authorized child care begin and end dates, child's name, DOB, weekly authorized hours and the weekly amount the TLA will pay on behalf of the family, attendance type, signature and date of staff who completed the authorization.

If there is a question on the invoice from the provider, staff will contact the provider directly to review the discrepancy. Though positive working relationships the staff and provider can find a resolution and an agreement to rectify the information needing clarification.



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- 6.4.5 The Tribal Lead Agency ensures prompt notice to providers regarding any changes to the family's eligibility status that could impact payments, and such a notice is sent no later than the day that the Tribal Lead Agency becomes aware that such a change will occur. Describe the policy or procedure:

Upon receipt of a change to a families current authorization, staff will contact the provider either by phone or email about the eligibility change if needed. If a new authorization is written, then a revised authorization will be emailed to the provider. This notice is sent out the same or the next business day depending on the time of day the CCDF staff was notified of the change.



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6.4.6 The Tribal Lead Agency ensures it has a timely appeal and resolution process for payment inaccuracies and disputes. Describe the policy or procedure:

If staff receives an invoice and there is a discrepancy with the amount billed versus the amount the program calculated; staff will contact the provider to resolve. If there is a case where the provider received an overpayment; a refund to the TLA will be required. If the provider was underpaid, they will contact staff to find out what the circumstances if the under payment and payment is made as needed. Discrepancies are usually reported within 30 days of billing and resolved.



## **7 Promote Family Engagement through Outreach and Consumer Education (for Tribes with Medium and Large Allocations)**

**Tribal Lead Agencies are required to support parents in making informed choices about the services that best suit their needs.** Tribal Lead Agencies may provide information to parents through the child care assistance system, partner agencies, and other methods of their choosing.

In this section, Tribal Lead Agencies will address how information on accessing high-quality child care and other financial assistance supports is made available to eligible families. In addition, Tribal Lead Agencies will describe how information on developmental screenings and best practices concerning children's development including their social-emotional development, is shared. Tribal Lead Agencies have the option to share this information through a consumer education website targeting parents receiving CCDF assistance, the general public, and when appropriate, child care providers. Tribal Lead Agencies will also describe the process for parental in this section. Finally, this section addresses the consumer statement that is provided to parents supported with CCDF funds.

### **7.1 Parental Complaint Process**

**The Tribal Lead Agency must certify that the Tribe maintains a record of substantiated parental complaints and makes information regarding such complaints available to the public on request (658E(c)(2)(C); 98.15(b)(3)).**

**Tribal Lead Agencies must provide a detailed description of the reporting process for parents to submit complaints about child care providers, including the following information:**

- The process for substantiating complaints
- The manner in which the Tribal Lead Agency maintains a record of substantiated parental complaints
- Ways that the Tribal Lead Agency makes information on such parental complaints available to the public on request (98.16(j); 98.32(b)(c)(d))



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- 7.1.1 Describe the Tribal Lead Agency's reporting process through which parents can submit complaints about child care providers, including a link if it is a Web-based process:

Adopting the Wisconsin State standards

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

A complaint Website (<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/about-us/complaint>) links parents to both a General Complaint Form to submit on-line and a File a Child Care Complaint web-page that describes the complaint process and explains how to submit a complaint about a child care provider over the telephone, via email, or in writing to the Regional Licensing Office or certification agency that serves the center.

Family care and in home care (relative care) provider complainants can be submitted to the TLA. CCDF management will be responsible to follow up and take any necessary actions to address the complaint.



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- 7.1.2 Describe the Tribal Lead Agency's process and timeline for screening, substantiating and responding to complaints regarding CCDF providers, including whether the process includes monitoring:

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The State investigates all complaints it received regarding licensed programs and license-exempt school-based programs, including those from parents, other family members, neighbors, child care center staff, social services and law enforcement personnel, other community members, and anonymous sources. The staff person who receives a complaint gathers sufficient information from the complainant to assess how soon the investigation must be initiated.

The TLA investigates all complaints it receives regarding relative care providers including those from parents, other family members, neighbors, social services and law enforcement personnel, other community members, and anonymous sources. The staff person who receives a complaint gathers sufficient information from the complainant. The information will be given to CCDF management to assess how soon the investigation must be initiated. Any complaint received will be reviewed within the same day or next business day if received during non-business hours. Priority action steps will be taken based on the severity and if imminent danger is posed to the child(ren) in care.



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7.1.3 Certify by describing how the Tribal Lead Agency maintains a record of substantiated parental complaints:

Adopting the Wisconsin State standards

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A record is maintained of all substantiated and unsubstantiated parental complaints in the licensing data system for the duration a provider is actively licensed and six years after the provider closes. This allows for an ongoing record of investigations and findings.

The TLA will maintain all substantiated and unsubstantiated parental complaints in a paper file or computer base for the duration a provider is actively providing care and six years after the provider ends care. This allows for an ongoing record of investigations and findings.



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7.1.4 Certify by describing how the Tribal Lead Agency makes information about substantiated parental complaints available to the public upon request:

Adopting the Wisconsin State standards

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

A File a Complaint web page (<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/about-us/complaint>) links parents to both a General Complaint Form to submit online ([https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/contact/submit\\_a\\_complaint](https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/contact/submit_a_complaint)) and a File a Child Care Complaint web page (<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/ccregulation/complaint>) that describes the complaint process and explains how to submit a complaint about a child care provider over the telephone, via email, or in writing to the Regional Licensing Office or certification agency that serves the center.

Violations are posted on the Child Care Finder public search website

(<https://childcarefinder.wisconsin.gov>) allowing parents to consider substantiated complaints when selecting and evaluating child care programs. Additionally, full records are available via open records requests.

TLA family provider compliant will not be made public. The information will remain in the file for the duration the provider is actively providing care and six years after the provider ends care. This allows for an ongoing record of investigations and findings.



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## 7.2 Consumer Education for Parents, Providers, and the Public

7.2.1 **Tribal Lead Agencies are required to provide information to parents, the general public, and when applicable, child care providers** through a method of their choice, which is consumer-friendly and easily accessible (658E(c)(2)(E)(i)(III)). The available information must include provider-specific information, monitoring and inspection reports about the provider, and the quality of each provider (if such information is available about the provider) (658E(c)(2)(D); 98.33(a)). The information should also provide access to an annual service area report on deaths, serious injuries, and the number of substantiated cases of child abuse that have occurred in child care settings. To assist families with any additional questions, the information should provide contact information to local child care resource and referral organizations and any other agencies that can assist families in better understanding the information.

Note: Tribal Lead Agencies who only operated Tribally operated centers may enter “NA” for c-g.

- a. Describe how the Tribal Lead Agency ensures that its information is consumer-friendly and easily accessible:

A variety of consumer materials are available and displayed in the department's reception area and provided at the time of application or inquiry. The TLA refers clients to CCR&C and other state child care resources.

- b. Describe how the Tribal Lead Agency informs parents, providers, and the public on how it conducts monitoring and inspections of child care providers:

The Tribal Lead Agency does not monitor and inspect licensed providers. This service is conducted by the state as child care providers are required to comply with the state requirements. The Wisconsin State standards <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

The information for the monitoring and inspection for the TLA will be available through the agency web site [www.economic\\_support@oneidanation.org](http://www.economic_support@oneidanation.org) or in person.



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- 7.2.1 c. Describe how the Tribal Lead Agency informs parents, providers, and the public on the policies and procedures related to criminal background checks for provider/staff members of child care providers and the offenses that prevent individuals from being employed by a child care provider or receiving CCDF funds:

This is conducted and mandated by the state. The Wisconsin State licensing standards <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf> are required to post monitoring and inspection reports on the consumer education website for each licensed provider and for each non-relative provider eligible to provide state CCDF services on the consumer education website.

The TLA would not inform the parents, providers or the public about offenses that prevent individuals from receiving CCDF funds.



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- 7.2.1 d. Describe how the Tribal Lead Agency lists all licensed providers and, at the discretion of the Tribal Lead Agency, all providers eligible to deliver CCDF services, identified as either licensed or license-exempt. Providers caring for children to whom they are related do not need to be included:

Parents and staff can utilize the the state web site: [childcarefinder.wisconsin.gov](http://childcarefinder.wisconsin.gov) and the local child care resource and referral agency for providers. A variety of consumer materials are available and displayed in the department's reception area and provided at the time of application or inquiry.



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7.2.1 e. In addition to the licensed child care providers that are required to be included in the list of all licensed providers, which additional providers are included in the Tribal Lead Agency's list? Check all that apply:

- License-exempt center-based CCDF providers
- License-exempt family child care CCDF providers
- License-exempt non-CCDF providers
- Relative CCDF child care providers
- Other. Describe:

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7.2.1 f. **Tribal Lead Agencies must also identify specific quality information about each child care provider for whom they have quality information.** Tribal Lead Agencies may determine the type of quality information provided. How does the Tribal Lead Agency report quality ratings or other quality information included with provider-specific information?

- National accreditation
- Enhanced licensing system
- Meeting Head Start/Early Head Start Program Performance Standards.
- Meeting prekindergarten quality requirements
- School-age standards, where applicable
- Quality rating and improvement system managed by Tribal Lead Agency
- Quality rating and improvement system managed by the State
- Other. Describe:



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7.2.1 g. For what types of providers are quality ratings or other indicators of quality available?

Licensed CCDF providers. Describe the quality information:

YoungStar is Wisconsin's child care quality rating & improvement System: <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar>

Licensed non-CCDF providers. Describe the quality information:

YoungStar is Wisconsin's child care quality rating & improvement System: <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar>

License-exempt center-based CCDF providers. Describe the quality information:

YoungStar is Wisconsin's child care quality rating & improvement System: <http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar>



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7.2.1 g.  License-exempt family child care CCDF providers. Describe the quality information:

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License-exempt non-CCDF providers. Describe the quality information:

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Relative child care providers. Describe the quality information:

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7.2.1 g.  Other. Describe:

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**7.2.2 Tribal Lead Agencies are required to make monitoring and inspection reports available about each licensed provider and about each non-relative provider eligible to provide CCDF services.**

These reports must include results of required annual monitoring visits and visits due to major substantiated complaints about a provider's failure to comply with health and safety requirements and child care policies. The reports must be in plain language (i.e., communication your audience can understand the first time they read it), as defined by the Tribal Lead Agency, and be timely to ensure that the results of the reports are available and easily understood by parents when they are deciding on a child care provider. Tribal Lead Agencies must provide at least three years of reports (when available), beginning October 1, 2019 and going forward.

a. Describe how the reports are made available to the public? Check all that apply.

- Online
- Hard copy by request
- Require provider to post



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7.2.2 a.  Other. Describe:

This is conducted and mandated by the state. The Wisconsin State licensing standards <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf> Are required to post monitoring and inspection reports on the consumer education website for each licensed provider and for each non-relative provider eligible to provide. state CCDF services on the consumer education website.

b. What is the Tribal Lead Agency's definition of plain language?

This is conducted and mandated by the state. The Wisconsin State licensing standards <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

The State's definition of plain language state reports should include as much as possible and appropriate, contain information on who, what, when, where and how the rule is being or was violated. The time of day of the monitoring visit is included if it is relevant to the violation.



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7.2.2 c. Are monitoring and inspection reports in plain language?

Yes. \_\_\_\_\_

No. If no, describe how plain language summaries are used to meet the regulatory requirements and include a link to a sample summary:

d. Describe the process for receiving feedback from parents and the public about the readability of the monitoring report:

This is conducted and mandated by the state. The Wisconsin State licensing standards <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

Feedback from parents and the public is encouraged by providing contact information for the regional licensing office. The following language appears on each provider's Child Care Finder web page: "To obtain more detail or more history on regulatory compliance, contact the Licensing Regional office."



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7.2.2 e. Check to certify what the monitoring and inspection reports and/or their plain language summaries include:

- Date of inspection
- Full report of inspection, including areas of compliance and non-compliance
- Health and safety violations, including violations that resulted in fatalities or serious injuries. Describe how these health and safety violations are prominently displayed:

Follows the Wisconsin State licensing standards:

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Are required to post monitoring and inspection reports on the consumer education website for each licensed provider and for each non-relative provider eligible to provide State CCDF services on the consumer education website.

- Corrective action plans taken by the Tribal Lead Agency and/or child care provider. Describe:

Follow the Wisconsin State licensing standards:

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Are required to post monitoring and inspection reports on the consumer education website for each licensed provider and for each non-relative provider eligible to provide State CCDF services on the consumer education website.



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7.2.2 e.  The process for correcting inaccuracies in reports:

Follows the Wisconsin State licensing standards:

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Are required to post monitoring and inspection reports on the consumer education website for each licensed provider and for each non-relative provider eligible to provide State CCDF services on the consumer education website.

The process for providers to appeal the findings in reports, including the time requirements, and timeframes for filing the appeal, for the investigation, and for removal of any violations determined on appeal to be unfounded:

Follow the Wisconsin State licensing standards:

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Are required to post monitoring and inspection reports on the consumer education website for each licensed provider and for each non-relative provider eligible to provide State CCDF services on the consumer education website.



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- 7.2.2 e.  How reports are made available in a timely manner. Specifically, provide the Tribal Lead Agency's definition of "timely" and describe how it ensures that reports are made available within its timeframe:

Follows the Wisconsin State licensing standards:

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Are required to post monitoring and inspection reports on the consumer education website for each licensed provider and for each non-relative provider eligible to provide State CCDF services on the consumer education website.

Although Tribal Lead Agencies define "timely," we recommend Tribal Lead Agencies update results as soon as possible and no later than 90 days after an inspection or corrective action is taken.

- f. Describe the process for maintaining monitoring reports. Specifically, provide the minimum number of years reports are made available and the policy for record keeping (98.33(a)(4) (iv)):

Follow the Wisconsin State licensing standards:

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Are required to post monitoring and inspection reports on the consumer education website for each licensed provider and for each non-relative provider eligible to provide State CCDF services on the consumer education website.



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7.2.2 g. Describe any additional providers which the Tribal Lead Agency chooses to include in reports. Licensed providers and CCDF providers must have monitoring and inspection reports made available. Check all that apply.

License-exempt non-CCDF providers. Describe:

Relative child care providers, Describe:



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7.2.2 g.  Other. Describe:



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7.2.3 **Aggregate data on serious injuries, deaths, and substantiated cases of child abuse that have occurred in child care settings each year must be made available.** The data must be organized by category of care (e.g., center, family child care, etc.) and licensing status for all eligible CCDF provider categories in the Tribal Lead Agency's service area. The aggregate report should not list individual provider-specific information or names.

Certify by providing:

- a. A description of how child care providers must submit reports of any serious injuries or deaths of children occurring in child care to the designated entity (98.16 (ff)):

Follows the Wisconsin State licensing standards:

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

Wis. Admin. Code DCF 202 Child Care Certification, DCF 250 Licensing Rules for Family Child Care Centers, DCF 251 Licensing Rules for Group Child Care Centers, and DCF252 Licensing Rules for Day Camps require providers to report a death, incident, or accident of a child in care to the local certification agency or the Lead Agency, either through verbal or written notification, within 48 hours of seeking medical care for the child or becoming aware that medical treatment was sought by others. Fax, email, letter and in person are acceptable ways of notifying the certification agency or Lead Agency within 48 hours. However, in all instances, a licensed child care program/provider must submit a written report to the appropriate Lead Agency regional office within five business days Wisconsin of the incident, accident or death. When submitting the written notification, the provider may use either the Lead Agency's form, Incident Report - Child Care Centers, or their own form to report incidents, accidents and deaths.



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7.2.3 b. A description of how the Tribal Lead Agency obtains the aggregate data from the entity:

Follows the Wisconsin State licensing standards:

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Reports can be found on the State consumer education web site. The report should not list individual provider-specific information or names.



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7.2.3 c. The definition of “substantiated child abuse” used by the Tribal Lead Agency for this requirement:

Follows the Wisconsin State licensing standards:

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdbg/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

Substantiated child abuse is defined by Wis. Statutes, Chapter 48 - Children's Code as abuse or neglect or threatened abuse or neglect that under the guidelines developed by the lead agency under par. (b) constitutes severe abuse or neglect or a threat of severe abuse or neglect and a significant threat to the safety to the child and his or her family.



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7.2.3 d. The definition of “serious injury” used by the Tribal Lead Agency for this requirement:

Follows the Wisconsin State licensing standards:

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Serious injury is any injury that requires medical attention.



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- 7.2.4 The consumer education information should include contact information for referrals to local child care resource and referral organizations. How does the Tribal Lead Agency provide referrals to local CCR&R agencies through the consumer education information? Describe:

Parents are directed to the local Family & Child Care Resource of Northeast Wisconsin about child care providers and quality care. This information can be found at: <https://www.fcnew.org>



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- 7.2.5 The consumer education information should include how parents can contact the Tribal Lead Agency, or its designee, or other programs that can help the parent understand the information included. Describe:

Parents and staff can utilize the web site: <https://oneida-nsn.gov/resources/economic-support/> (child care services Program). State and tribal child care materials are available and displayed in the department's reception area. Consumer information is also shared at time of application or by community events. The TLA will also refer families to the local Family & Child Care Resource of Northeast Wisconsin about child care providers and quality care.



### 7.3 Additional Consumer and Provider Education

**Tribal Lead Agencies are required to certify that they will collect and disseminate information about the full diversity of child care services to promote parental choice to parents of eligible children, the general public, and where applicable, child care providers.** The consumer education information can be provided through CCR&R organizations or through direct conversations with eligibility case workers and child care providers. Outreach and counseling can also be effectively provided via information sessions or intake processes for families (658E(c)(2) (E); 98.15(b)(4); 98.33(b)).

- 7.3.1 Describe how the Tribal Lead Agency shares information with eligible parents, the general public, and where applicable, child care providers about the availability of child care services provided through CCDF and other programs for which the family may be eligible, such as State or Tribal PreK, as well as the availability of financial assistance to obtain child care services. At a minimum, describe what is provided (e.g., such methods as written materials, and direct communications) and how information is tailored for these audiences:

Parents and staff can utilize the the state web site: [childcarefinder.wisconsin.gov](http://childcarefinder.wisconsin.gov) and the local child care resource and referral agency. State and tribal resources and materials are available and displayed in the departments reception area. Information is shared at the time of application and/or through referrals to direct services.

Written material such as handbooks and brochures are developed and shared with the community departments and at community events. Information is also provided in the tribal newspaper and through employee email.



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7.3.2 Describe the formation of any partnerships that make information about the availability of child care services available to families:

Partnerships are formed with the following programs; Oneida Head Start, Early Head Start, Birth to 3, Child Care Resources and Referral Agency. CCDF has direct contact with other social services program within Economic Support and include TANF, WHEAP, SNAP, Medical Assistance. TLA offers information and assistance to programs such as Tribal, ICW, Parenting, Foster Care, Kinship, and Child Support. TLA has a networking relationship with Oneida Behavioral Health, Vocational Rehabilitation, Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act, Oneida Health Center to ensure that information is widely available to families caregivers.

Child Care CCDF staff attend staff meetings, community events and other networking activities in order to share CCDF program services. Staff also attend events to share information upon request.



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- 7.3.3 Describe how the Tribal Lead Agency provides the required information about the following programs and benefits to the parents of eligible children, the general public, and where applicable, providers. In the description include, at a minimum, what information is provided, how the information is provided, and how the information is tailored to a variety of audiences. Include any partners who assist in providing this information.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program:

The CCDF program is uniquely partnered and housed with the Tribal TANF program to accommodate the needs of the clientele requesting support services to improve/maintain family self-sufficiency. Workers/staff share program options and availability with clients. TANF and CCDF staff meet monthly to network and discuss services, customer needs, etc.

Head Start and Early Head Start programs:

Tribal lead agency staff shares information with parents about Head Start opportunities. Information tables are provided at Head Start events to share CCDF services. The Head Start programs partnership with the TLA regarding training opportunities, community child find events, and assist in the support of families with CCDF needs.

Additionally, the State Head Start Collaboration Office disseminates information to Head Start programs related to Wisconsin Shares.



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7.3.3  Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP):

The CCDF program is uniquely partnered and housed with the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance (WHEAP) program to accommodate the needs of the clientele requesting support services to improve/maintain family self-sufficiency. Workers/staff share program options and availability with clients. WHEAP and CCDF staff meet monthly to network and discuss services, customer needs, etc.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs (SNAP):

The CCDF program is uniquely partnered and housed with the SNAP program to accommodate the needs of the clientele requesting support services to improve/maintain family self-sufficiency. Workers/staff share program options and availability with clients. SNAP and CCDF staff meet monthly to network and discuss services, customer needs, etc.

Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC):

Information and resources are shared between the offices.



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7.3.3  Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP):

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Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP):

The CCDF program is uniquely partnered and housed with the Wisconsin MA program (CHIP) to accommodate the needs of the clientele requesting support services to improve/maintain family self-sufficiency. Workers/staff share program options and availability with clients. CHIP and CCDF staff meet monthly to network and discuss services, customer needs, etc.

Programs carried out under IDEA Part B, Section 619 and Part C:

Information and resources available through CCDF are shared between the programs serving families that identify a need for child with special needs,.



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- 7.3.4 Describe how the Tribal Lead Agency makes information available to parents, providers, and the general public on research and best practices concerning children’s development, including physical health and development, particularly healthy eating and physical activity. Information about successful parent and family engagement should also be shared. At a minimum, include what and how information is provided, and how information is tailored to a variety of audiences. Include any partners who provide this information:

Information is submitted to the Tribal Newspaper regarding children milestones on child development. The TLA will refer inquiries to reputable resources such as Wisconsin Youngstar and Wisconsin DCF.



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- 7.3.5 Describe how information is shared on the Tribal Lead Agency's policies regarding social-emotional and behavioral issues and early childhood mental health. Include how the Tribal Lead Agency shares information on positive behavioral intervention and support models based on research and best practices for those from birth to school age. At a minimum, include what and how information is provided and tailored to a variety of audiences and include any partners in providing this information:

The TLA will refer inquiries to reputable resources such as Wisconsin Youngstar and Wisconsin DCF. If appropriate the TLA will make direct referrals to Oneida Behavior Health or other local agencies to address any emotional/behavioral concerns.



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- 7.3.6 Describe the Tribal Lead Agency’s policies to prevent the suspension and expulsion of children from birth to age 5 in child care and other early childhood programs receiving CCDF funds (98.16(ee)), including how those policies are shared with families, providers, and the general public:

The TLA would not intervene in the expulsion or suspension of a child. However, TLA may make appropriate referrals when necessary and/or made aware of the problematic situation. May also consider supporting quality education training to support provider staff to increase the knowledge and skill necessary to provide consistent care.



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#### **7.4 Procedures for Providing Information on Developmental Screenings**

**Tribal Lead Agencies are required to provide information and referrals on developmental screenings.** This information should include resources and services that the Tribe can deploy, such as Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) services under Medicaid and carried out under Title XIX of the Social Security Act and developmental screening services available through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B, Section 619 and Part C. Tribal Lead Agencies must also include a description of how a family or child care provider can use these resources and services to obtain developmental screenings for children who receive subsidies and who might be at risk of cognitive or other developmental delays, including social, emotional, physical, or linguistic delays (658E(c)(2)(E)(ii)). Tribal Lead Agencies are required to provide this information to eligible families during CCDF intake and to child care providers through training and education (98.33(c)).



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7.4.1 Certify by describing:

- a. How the Tribal Lead Agency collects and disseminates information on existing resources and services available for conducting developmental screenings to CCDF parents, the general public, and where applicable, child care providers (98.15(a)(9)):

Follows the Wisconsin State licensing standards:

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdgb/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

It is the State's practice to have information on the importance of developmental screening available to families at an early age. The Lead Agency automatically generates and sends out a letter to all families receiving Wisconsin Shares notifying them about the importance of having their child screened between the ages of birth and age 5. This letter provides parents with resources and information about important developmental milestones that children at a certain age should be able to do. The letter also gives parents information about developmental surveys that can be found on-line, such as those found at <https://www.cdc.gov/milestones>. The letter and the resources available help families know what to look for as their child develops and grows.

Parents, providers and the general public are able to receive information on child care at CCR&R agencies and the YoungStar website:

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar>. Additionally, the Lead Agency provides information about the quality of child care through the YoungStar quality rating and improvement system. The website displays ratings of child care programs and how programs earn points as well as information on how to access local YoungStar offices to obtain additional information about child care choices.

Information around screening and assessment is also available on the Early Childhood Inclusion webpage under the heading of Child Development Best Practices:

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/youngstar/eci/bestpractices>. Included in this section is information on effective screening, gathering information, as well as pertinent resources, including Wisconsin's Blueprint: A Comprehensive and Aligned System for Early Childhood Screening and Assessment.



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- 7.4.1 b. The procedures for providing information on and referring families and child care providers to the EPSDT program under Medicaid and developmental screening services available under Part B and Part C of the IDEA:

Follows the Wisconsin State licensing standards:

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdgb/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

The State has requirements embedded in contracts with CCR&R agencies and within the YoungStar service delivery contract that require providing information, resources, training, and professional development on developmental screenings and how to access and make referrals for screening.



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- 7.4.1 c. How the Tribal Lead Agency provides information on developmental screenings to parents receiving a subsidy as part of the intake process. Include the information provided, how it is provided, and any partners involved:

The TLA will share information and events related to developmental screenings to CCDF families. Information will be shared via email, U.S. mail. Community partners will include Early Childhood, Birth to 3 program and N.W.T.C. and Head Start.



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- 7.4.1 d. How CCDF families or child care providers receiving CCDF can use the available resources and services to obtain developmental screenings for CCDF children at risk for cognitive or other developmental delays:

The TLA will share information and events related to developmental screenings to CCDF families. Information will be shared via email, U.S. mail. Community partners will include Early Childhood, Birth to 3 program and N.W.T.C. and Head Start.

TLA will refer families to the local Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) agency to provide information on developmental screening and the Wisconsin Child Find system to parents and providers. This includes making referrals and requests for screening and information on Birth to 3 and special education services through Local Education Agencies (LEAs). Child care providers are offered training and assistance on implementing the Ages and Stages Questionnaires, Developmental Milestones checklist, and other screening tools.



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7.4.1 e. How child care providers receive this information through training and professional development:

Follows the Wisconsin State licensing standards:

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdgb/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

Child care providers are offered training and assistance on implementing the Ages and Stages Questionnaires, Developmental Milestones checklist, and other screening tools.



## 7.5 Consumer Statement for Parents Receiving CCDF Funds

**Tribal Lead Agencies must provide CCDF parents with a consumer statement in hard copy or electronically, if the Tribal Lead Agency has chosen to post information to a consumer education website, that contains specific information about the child care provider they select.**

This information should include:

- Health and safety requirements met by the provider
- Any licensing or regulatory requirements met by the provider
- The date the provider was last inspected
- Any history of violations of these requirements
- Any voluntary quality standards met by the provider

It must also describe how CCDF subsidies are designed:

- To promote equal access
- How to submit a complaint through a hotline
- How to contact local resource and referral agencies or other community-based supports that assist parents in finding and enrolling in quality child care (98.33(d))

Please note that if the consumer statement is provided electronically, Tribal Lead Agencies should consider how to ensure that the statement is accessible to parents and that parents have a way to contact someone to address questions they have.



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7.5.1 Certify by describing:

- a. How the Tribal Lead Agency provides parents receiving CCDF funds with a consumer statement:

Follows the Wisconsin State licensing standards and share their information as the Oneida agency does not have a CCDF operated child care center. We also provide a variety of state required child care materials in our reception area to assist families.

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/files/wishares/ccdgb/ccdf1921-plan.pdf>

The Lead Agency refers parents to the DCF Child Care Homepage: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/childcare>.

Families can contact the TLA for assistance to obtain information regarding child care needs and services.



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7.5.1 b. What is included in the statement, including when the consumer statement is provided to families:

Follows the Wisconsin State standards:

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Consumer Statement

When choosing child care, there are many factors to consider including types of care, price, availability, quality of care, and location. The Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) has numerous resources available to help parents choose the best child care option to fit their family's needs.

The consumer statement also outlines specific information for parents around the provider's YoungStar rating, regulation results (including violations), and details of monitoring visits. All of this information is critical when a parent is searching for safe and high quality childcare. It includes links and information to the following:

- Child Care Finder
- Child Care Regulations
- Criminal Background Checks
- YoungStar - Wisconsin's Child Care Rating and Improvement System
- Child Care Resources and Referral Agencies (CCR&R)
- Services for Children and Families
- Submit a Complaint
- Report Fraud
- Report Child Abuse



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7.5.1 c. Provide a sample consumer statement or a description:

#### Consumer Statement

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**APPENDIX 1**

**TRIENNIAL CHILD COUNT DECLARATION**

**Instruction, Tribes who submitted Tribal Child Count Declaration information by July 1, 2019, do not need to resubmit the information with their FY 2020-2022 Plan  
(Leave this page blank)**

**Effective:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Tribe/Tribal Lead Agency:

\_\_\_\_\_

This certifies that the number of Indian children under age 13 (as defined in CCDF Plan) who reside on or near the reservation or service area (as defined in CCDF Plan) is: \_\_\_\_\_ (number).

The Tribal Lead Agency may not count any children who are included in the child count of another CCDF Tribal Lead Agency. To ensure unduplicated child counts, a Tribal Lead Agency is required to confer with all other CCDF Tribal Lead Agencies that have overlapping or neighboring service areas.

This count shows the number of Indian children under age 13 as of \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

\_\_\_\_\_

**Official Signature** of Individual Authorized to Act for the Tribe

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Print Title



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**APPENDIX 1-A**

**TRIENNIAL CHILD COUNT DECLARATION (P.L. 102-477)**

**Per the OCC Program Instruction, Tribes who submitted Tribal Child Count Declaration information by July 1, 2019, do not need to resubmit the information with their FY 2020-2022 Plan (Leave this page blank)**

**Effective:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Tribe/Tribal Lead Agency:

\_\_\_\_\_

This certifies that the number of Indian children under age 13 (as defined in CCDF Plan Section of the 102-477 Plan) who reside on or near the reservation or service area (as defined in CCDF section of the 102-477 Plan) is: \_\_\_\_\_ (number).

The Tribal Lead Agency may not count any children who are included in the child count of another CCDF Tribal Lead Agency. To ensure unduplicated child counts, a Tribal Lead Agency is required to confer with all other CCDF Tribal Lead Agencies that have overlapping or neighboring service areas.

This count shows the number of Indian children under age 13 as of \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Official Signature** of Individual Authorized to Act for the Tribe

\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Print Title

**REQUEST FOR REALLOTTED TRIBAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDS**

The Tribe named above requests Discretionary Funds that may be available through the reallocation process.

Yes

No



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## APPENDIX 2

### AMENDMENTS LOG

Child Care and Development Fund Plan  
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Tribal Lead Agencies are required to request approval from Administration for Children and Families (ACF) whenever a “substantial” change in the Tribal Lead Agency’s approved CCDF Plan occurs. Please refer to the [ACF Program Instruction regarding CCDF Plan amendments \(CCDF-ACF-PI-2009-01\)](#) for specific details and timelines specific to the Plan amendment process.

Plan amendments must be submitted to ACF within 60 days of the effective date of the change. Under the regulation, the Plan amendment must be approved no later than the 90th day following the date on which the amendment is received by ACF unless the Tribal Lead Agency and ACF mutually agree in writing to extend the period. (§98.18 (b)).

ACF encourages Tribal Lead Agencies to contact the Child Care program staff in the appropriate ACF Regional Office to discuss any proposed amendment as early as possible.

#### Instructions:

- (1) Tribal Lead Agency completes the first 3 columns and sends a photocopy of this log (showing the latest amendment sent to ACF) and the amended section(s) to the ACF Regional contact. A copy of the log, showing the latest amendment pending in ACF, is retained in the Tribal Lead Agency’s Plan.
- (2) ACF completes column 4 and returns a photocopy of the log to the Tribal Lead Agency.
- (3) The Tribal Lead Agency replaces this page in the Plan with the copy of the log received from ACF showing the approval date.

Reminder: This process depends on repeated subsequent use of the same log page over the life of the Plan. At any time the log should reflect all amendments, both approved and pending in ACF. The Tribal Lead Agency is advised to retain those “old” Plan pages that are superseded by amendments in a separate appendix to its Plan.



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**Table: Amendment Log**

**Tribal Lead Agency:**

Section Amended	Proposed Effective Date	Grantee Signature and Date Submitted to ACF	ACF Approving Official's Signature and Date
		Date:	Date: