

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
Anishnaabek Community and Family Services
Child Care and Development Fund

Parent/Provider Newsletter

December 2021/January 2022

You are receiving this newsletter because you are either a parent receiving Child Care Assistance from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians CCDF program, you are a Child Care Provider receiving Subsidies, or you are in a collaboration/partnership with the Tribal CCDF Program.

CCDF is located at 2218 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 and you can reach us at 800-726-0093 or 906-632-5250. You can contact Trish, CCDF Coordinator at psterling@saulttribe.net or Angel, CCDF Secretary at apeer@saulttribe.net. Our fax number is 906-632-5266.

Co-Pays Suspended Until Further Notice

ACFS CCDF program received more CARES ACT funding (CRRSA). One thing we are doing with the money is paying all the co-pays on behalf of the parents until further notice. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Trish, CCDF Coordinator at psterling@saulttribe.net or 906-632-5250.

ANISHNAABEK COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SERVICES ANNOUNCES CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Anishnaabek Community and Family Services is excited to announce funding availability for child care assistance for Essential Workers residing in the 7 county service area. ACFS Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Program is accepting Child Care Applications for Essentials Workers (We have an approved list we must go by) **without regard to income** for a **limited time** due to the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA).

Essential Workers Include:

Health Care Sector Workers;

Emergency Responders;

Sanitation and Janitorial Workers;

Farm;

Food Service Workers;

Security, Law Enforcement, Court;

Information Technology ;

Emergency Management Administration ;

Employees Carrying out Public Assistance

- Teachers-Giving Face-to-Face Instruction
- Social Workers
- Behavioral Health
- Sanitation/Environmental Health
- Direct Assistance Staff (MDHHS, ACFS, Community Action, Health Department etc.,)

Children must be:

- Members of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
- Reside in the 7 County Service Area
- Be between the ages of 0 and 13 years of age

Child Care Provider must be:

- Licensed Center
- Licensed Family Home
- Relative Care Provider(Grand Parent, Great Grand Parent, Aunt, Uncle or Sibling not residing in the home.
- In-Home Aide

You can find more information on the website <https://saulttribe.com/membership-services/acfs/direct-services/child-care-development-fund> and click on the CRRSA application link or by calling Trish, CCDF Coordinator at 906-632-5250 or email psterling@saulttribe.net.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Health and Safety are priorities when it comes to caring for children. The Tribal CCDF program provides necessary Health and Safety required items to CCDF Families and CCDF Providers. If you find you are in the need of Health and Safety required items such as Fire/Smoke detector (one for each level of the home/center), fire extinguisher, carbon monoxide detector, electrical outlet covers, drawer safety latches, first aid kit, etc. please contact CCDF Coordinator, Trish Sterling at psterling@saulttribe.net or 906-632-5250.

CONSUMER STATEMENT

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Anishnaabek Community and Family Services Child Care and Development Fund program offers Child Care Subsidy Assistance to parents with Sault Tribe member (or eligible to be) children living in the Sault Tribe 7 County Service area who are working, going to school, or in a qualified job training program. Eligible parents can choose high quality child care providers that include State Licensed Centers or Family/Group Homes, Tribal Licensed Centers, Relative Care Providers or In-Home Aides. Relative Care Providers and In-Home Aides must complete requirements prior to providing care for your children.

Please contact CCDF Coordinator, Trish Sterling for more information at 906-632-5250 or 800-726-0093.

Visit https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_63294_5529--,00.html to find State Licensed Centers and State Licensed Family/Group Child Care Homes in your area.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

PARENTS AND PROVIDERS:

If you move, please contact us within 24 hours so that we can update your address and important letters and orders can reach you.

If you change your phone number, please contact us within 24 hours so we can update your phone number in our system so that it is easier to reach you.

If you stop working, going to school or end your job training, please contact us with 24 hours so we can update your 'reason for care'.

All billing sheets are due every two weeks according to the Reimbursement Due Dates form and must be submitted within 90 of care being provided in order to be reimbursed as stated on each Child Care Certificate.

All CCDF Rules and Regulations will be adhered to.

If you have any questions about billing, please contact Angel at 906-632-5250 or apeer@saulttribe.net

Any other questions, please contact Trish at 906-632-5250 or psterling@saulttribe.net

Sincerely,

Trish Sterling,
CCDF Coordinator

Child Development Screenings

Ages and Stages is a set of questionnaires about children's development. It has been used for more than 20 years to make sure children are developing well. A screening provides a quick look at how children are doing in important areas such as communication, physical ability, social skills, and problem-solving skills. Ages and Stages can help identify your child's strengths as well as any areas where your child may need support. I love this screening tool because it involves the parents/guardians, child and the care provider. The parent/guardian fills out the questionnaire while playing with their child and returns it to the care provider or CCDF Coordinator for results. Based on the results, the child's individualized lesson plan can be created and if an area of concern is identified then a referral can be made to an appropriate support agency.

Many Child Care Centers are already providing a child development screening. And it may be Ages and Stages, but for parents who are interested, I can provide copies of the following months in the ASQ-3: 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 24, 27, 30, 33, 36, 42, 48. Keep in mind: your children all grow and development in differing rates. And it is okay 😊

I also have the Social Emotional questionnaires in the months: 2, 6, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36, 48, 60.

They are easy to score and if you see any area of concern, please contact me or your child's teacher or child care provider so we can give you some ideas of how to increase your child's opportunities to grow in those areas.

Any questions, please contact Trish Sterling at 906-632-5250 or psterling@saulttribe.net

RESOURCES

WIC

https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71547_4910---,00.html

LICENSED CHILD CARE

https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_106253---,00.html

MEDICAID

<https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/>

SNAP

https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71547_5527_6691---,00.html

SAULT TRIBE EMPLOYMENT

<https://saulttribe.hirecentric.com/jobsearch/>

SAULT TRIBE

<https://saulttribe.com/>

ACFS

<https://saulttribe.com/membership-services/acfs>

DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS

<https://agesandstages.com/>

GREAT START TO QUALITY

<https://www.greatstarttoquality.org/>

We only have a few COVID-Related Cleaning supply items available to CCDF Families and CCDF Providers

Sault Tribe CCDF program has COVID 19 CARES ACT Fund Dollars available for CCDF Parents and Providers for COVID 19 related items: disposable face masks, disposable gloves, disinfecting wipes, disinfecting spray, hand sanitizer, antibacterial hand soap. (depending on availability of supply chain)

All items are sent to your home. I will send you a self-addressed stamped envelope with a form to sign to send back with the packing slips you receive so that I can reconcile with our Purchasing Department. It is the policy of the CCDF Program to deny future orders for failure to return the form and the packings slips. Please make your list and send it to Patricia Sterling, CCDF Coordinator, psterling@saulttribe.net or call 906-632-5250

Waynaboozhoo and the Great Flood

an Ojibwe legend retold by Valerie Connors

Long ago the world was filled with evil. Men and women lost respect for each other. The Creator was unhappy about this and decided to cause a great flood to purify the earth. A man named Waynaboozhoo survived. He turned some floating sticks and a log into a raft for the animals and himself. They floated around for a full moon waiting for the water to go down. It didn't, so Waynaboozhoo decided to do something about it.

"Maang!" he called to the loon. "You are an excellent swimmer. See if you can dive down to the Old World and bring back a lump of mud in your bill. With mud, I will create a New World." Maang dove into the water and was gone a long time. When he finally did return, he said, "I could not reach the Old World. It was too far down."

"Amik!" called Waynaboozhoo to the beaver. "You are an excellent swimmer. Will you try next?" Amik dove off and was gone even longer than Maang, but he too returned empty-handed. "Is there anyone else who'll try?" asked Waynaboozhoo.

Just then a small coot, Aajigade, came swimming along and asked, "What's going on?" "Get away Aajigade," called one of the birds. "We do not have time for your nonsense." Now the animals began arguing loudly. Everyone had a different plan about how to get the mud, but no one could agree on whose plan they would use. For hours and hours they argued. By and by, someone noticed that the sun was beginning to go down.

They would have to put off the planning until the next day. Everyone began to find his or her sleeping spot on the raft to rest for the night. Maang asked, "Whatever happened to that silly little Aajigade?" Suddenly, there was shouting on the other end of the raft. Someone had noticed a small body floating in the water. Water birds paddled hurriedly to investigate and found that it was Aajigade. They brought his body to the raft.

Waynaboozhoo lifted him up, and looking in his small beak, he found a particle of mud. Little Aajigade had reached the Old World and got the mud! He had given his life to do this. The other animals were ashamed of themselves for having made fun of little Aajigade. They hung their heads. They felt very sad. Waynaboozhoo took Aajigade's little body and softly blew life back into him. Waynaboozhoo held him closely to warm him and announced that from that day forward, Aajigade would always retain a place of honor among the animals.

Waynaboozhoo set Aajigade down on the water and he swam off as though nothing had happened. Then Waynaboozhoo took Aajigade's mud in his hands and began to shape it. Next he commanded it to grow. As it grew, he needed a place to put it. Mikinaak (the snapping turtle) came forward and said, "I have a broad back. Place it here." Waynaboozhoo put it on Mikinaak's back so that it could grow larger. "Miigwetch, Mikinaak," said Waynaboozhoo. "From this day on, you shall have the ability to live in all the worlds, under the mud, in the water, and on land."

The mud began to take the shape of land. Waynaboozhoo placed some tiny enigoonsags (ants) on it. This made it start to spin and grow more. It grew and grew, and more animals stepped onto it until finally it was large enough for moose to walk about. Now Waynaboozhoo sent benishiyag (the birds) to fly around to survey how large the land was. He said to them, "Return to me now and again to let me know how the land is doing. Send back your messages with songs."

To this day, that is what the birds continue to do. That is also why they are called the singers. At last, Waynaboozhoo stepped onto the New World. It had become a home, a place for all the animals, insects and birds, a place for all living things to live in harmony.

7 Grandfathers Teachings

Nibwaakaawin—Wisdom: To cherish knowledge is to know Wisdom. Wisdom is given by the Creator to be used for the good of the people. In the Anishinaabe language, this word expresses not only "wisdom," but also means "prudence," or "intelligence."

Zaagi'idiwin—Love: To know Love is to know peace. Love must be unconditional. When people are weak they need love the most. In the Anishinaabe language, this word with the reciprocal theme indicates that this form of love is mutual.

Minaadendamowin—Respect: To honor all creation is to have Respect. All of creation should be treated with respect. You must give respect if you wish to be respected.

Aakode'ewin—Bravery: Bravery is to face the foe with integrity. In the Anishinaabe language, this word literally means "state of having a fearless heart." To do what is right even when the consequences are unpleasant.

Gwayakwaadiziwin—Honesty: Honesty in facing a situation is to be brave. Always be honest in word and action. Be honest first with yourself, and you will more easily be able to be honest with others. In the Anishinaabe language, this word can also mean "righteousness."

Dabaadendiziwin—Humility: Humility is to know yourself as a part of Creation. In the Anishinaabe language, this word can also mean "compassion." You are equal to others, but you are not better.

Debwewin—Truth: Truth is to know all of these things. Speak the truth. Do not deceive yourself or others.

Your disaster checklist



Consumer Financial
Protection Bureau

Be prepared: Protect your personal finances

If you had to leave your home in an emergency, you would have only minutes to choose what stays and what goes, and your financial records may be one of the last things on your mind.

Collecting, copying, and storing your financial information now could help you avoid problems and recover faster after a disaster. This checklist can help. Use it to make sure you have the information and documents you need. Then, keep it with your important documents so you can refer to it when needed.

Account numbers

Use the sample table on the right, or a separate piece of paper, to organize your account and customer service numbers.

Personal records

Make and store copies of:

- Driver's licenses
- Passports
- Social Security cards
- Birth certificates
- Marriage and divorce papers
- Home titles or deeds
- Car, boat, or RV registrations and titles
- A room-by-room inventory of your belongings

Financial records

Most financial records can be replaced, but you need your insurance information if your property is damaged, or if you or a family member needs medical care. Keeping records safe also helps you avoid trouble if questions arise later about your investments, taxes, or workplace benefits.

Make and store copies of:

- Insurance policies
- Investment records
- Income tax information
- Pay stubs and employer benefits records
- Wills, living wills, trusts, financial and medical powers of attorney

Computer files

If you keep financial records, passwords, family photos, and videos on your computer, consider backing the information up to a secure cloud storage service, or back up your data regularly and keep the backups somewhere safe.

Account number

Customer service number

Loans and credit cards

Mortgage		
Home equity loan		
Car loan		
Credit card		
Student loan		
Other:		

Home and utilities

Rent		
Cable or satellite		
Water		
Electricity		
Phone		
Other:		

Other financial accounts and insurance policies

Homeowners or renters insurance		
Auto insurance		
Medical insurance		
Checking account		
Savings account		
Investment account		
Other:		

Keep important documents safe and always make copies

Be sure to secure and copy your important papers. Keep the originals in a water-tight container, fire safe, or a bank safe deposit box. If you keep your documents at home, be sure you can grab them in a hurry and go.

Store your copies somewhere else – in a secure place at work or with a trusted relative or friend.

If you have access to a computer, you can scan your documents and then put them on a flash drive or store the information at a secure online storage website.

Inventory your belongings

A written inventory of your belongings, backed up by a video of each room in your home, can help prove what you lost and what was damaged.

After a disaster

If a disaster strikes your home, as soon as possible, contact your credit card company, your mortgage lender, and other creditors to let them know about your situation. Most of them have ways to help.

If you can't live in your home, check with your utility companies (e.g. electric, gas, cable) to see if you can shut off service to add extra money to your budget.

Many people and groups will offer help. Disaster-chasing criminals may also show up and try to scam you.

About us

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is an independent federal agency built to protect consumers. We write and enforce rules that keep banks and other financial companies operating fairly. We also educate and empower consumers, helping them make more informed choices to achieve their financial goals.

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consumerfinance.gov/complaint

 Tell your story
consumerfinance.gov/your-story

 Ask CFPB
consumerfinance.gov/askcfpb

 Share your thoughts
facebook.com/cfpb
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Watch out for:

- Up-front fees to help you claim services, benefits, or get loans. Government employees never charge to help you get a benefit or service.
- Contractors selling repairs door-to-door, especially if they offer deep discounts or ask you to pay them up front
- Insurance agents who try to sell you after-the-fact policies
- Organizations with names similar to government agencies or charities



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Learn more at consumerfinance.gov