

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

Parent/Provider Newsletter

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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.

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/bureau-list/cclb> to find State Licensed Centers and State Licensed Family/Group Child Care Homes in your area.



CCDF GUIDELINES

Child in need of care must be a Sault Tribe member, between the ages of birth and 13 years old, reside in the 7 County Service Area, both parents must be working, going to school or in a job training program and meet income guidelines. Child Care services must be licensed through the State of Michigan or the Tribe, be a certified Relative Care Provider or a Certified In-Home Aide.

A Certified Relative Care Provider can be a Grandparent, Great Grandparent, Aunt, Uncle or Sibling not living in the household, must be at least 18 years of age, pass simple background checks, complete the required paperwork and follow the CCDF Program billing schedule.

A Certified In-Home Aide provider must be at least 18 years old, not living in the household, pass Federal Fingerprinting Background Checks, simple background checks, complete required paperwork, complete required training and CCDF Orientation. Certified In-Home Aide can only care for the children in the applicant's household and only the applicant's children.

If you have any questions, please contact Trish at psterling@saulttribe.net or calling 906-632-5250.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

The 6 Stages of Play

Pathways
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Unoccupied Play

0-3 months

When baby is making movements with their arms, legs, hands, feet, etc. They are learning about and discovering how their body moves.



Solitary Play

0-2 years

When a child plays alone and are not interested in playing with others quite yet.



Spectator/Onlooker Behavior

2 years

When a child watches and observes other children playing but will not play with them.



Parallel Play

2+ years

When a child plays alongside or near to others but does not play with them.



Associate Play

3-4 years

When a child starts to interact with others during play, but there is not much cooperation required. For example, kids playing on the playground but doing different things.



Cooperative Play

4+ years

When a child plays with others and has interest in both the activity and other children involved in playing.



Choking and Strangulation Prevention Tips

Everything you need to know to keep your kids safe from choking or strangulation.

Is there a cell phone or set of car keys that hasn't made its way into your toddler's mouth? We didn't think so. Don't despair – there are simple tips that can help keep your children from getting injured as a result of their compulsive need to teethe, suck and drool on everyday objects and toys.

Make Meals Fun and Safe

- Cut food for toddlers into tiny pieces. Children under 5 should not eat small, round or hard foods, including pieces of hot dogs, cheese sticks or chunks, hard candy, nuts, grapes, marshmallows or popcorn.
- Remember to have young kids eat in a high chair or at the table, not while lying down or playing. It is important to supervise your babies when they are eating or playing.



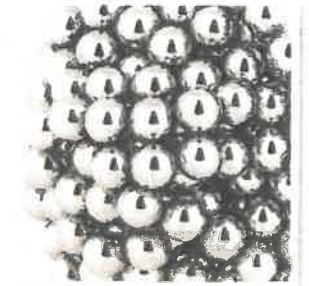
Keep Small Objects Out of Reach

- See the world from a child's point of view. Get on the floor on your hands and knees so that you are at your child's eye level. Look for and remove small items.
- Keep small objects such as buttons, beads, jewelry, pins, nails, marbles, coins, stones and tacks out of reach and sight.

Among children treated in emergency rooms for non-fatal choking incidents, almost 60 percent were food-related. Overall, 13 percent of cases involved swallowing coins and 19 percent involved candy or gum.

Be On the Lookout for Magnets

- Keep small magnets away from children. These include magnets found in construction sets, children's toys or stress-relieving adult desk toys; refrigerator magnets; and rare-earth magnets such as Buckyballs.
- Inspect games or toys that include magnets. Inspect children's play areas regularly for missing or dislodged magnets as well.
- Seek medical attention immediately if you suspect that magnets have been swallowed. Look for abdominal symptoms, such as pain, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea. Note that in X-rays, multiple magnetic pieces may appear as a single object.



Keep Cords Out of Reach

- Keep cords and strings, including those attached to window blinds, out of your child's reach. Move all cribs, beds, furniture and toys away from windows and window cords.
- If you live in a home where you are not allowed to replace your window coverings, follow basic window cord safety rules and order free retrofit kits from the Window Covering Safety Council at www.windowcoverings.org.



HELP YOUR CHILD LEARN AND GROW!

Try these fun and easy activities with your 2-month-old—a great way to have fun together and support your child’s social-emotional development.

Baby Talk

Learn your baby’s special language. They will “talk” to you with sounds and gestures and let you know when they’re happy, uncomfortable, hungry, or lonely.

Materials Needed: None

Peekaboo

You can begin to play simple games with your baby such as Peekaboo. Put a cloth over your head and peek out. Say, “*There you are!*”

Materials Needed: Cloth or blanket

New Sights and Sounds

Make life interesting for your baby. Go for a walk. Introduce new sounds and places to them from the safety of your arms.

Materials Needed: None



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