

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](mailto:psterling@saulttribe.net) or Angel, CCDF Secretary at [apeer@saulttribe.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



## RESOURCES

<b><u>WIC</u></b>	<a href="https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71547_4910---,00.html">https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71547_4910---,00.html</a>
<b><u>LICENSED CHILD CARE</u></b>	<a href="https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_106253---,00.html">https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_106253---,00.html</a>
<b><u>MEDICAID</u></b>	<a href="https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/">https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/</a>
<b><u>SNAP</u></b>	<a href="https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71547_5527_6691---,00.html">https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71547_5527_6691---,00.html</a>
<b><u>SAULT TRIBE EMPLOYMENT</u></b>	<a href="https://saulttribe.hirecentric.com/jobsearch/">https://saulttribe.hirecentric.com/jobsearch/</a>
<b><u>SAULT TRIBE</u></b>	<a href="https://saulttribe.com/">https://saulttribe.com/</a>
<b><u>ACFS</u></b>	<a href="https://saulttribe.com/membership-services/acfs">https://saulttribe.com/membership-services/acfs</a>
<b><u>DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS</u></b>	<a href="https://agesandstages.com/">https://agesandstages.com/</a>
<b><u>GREAT START TO QUALITY</u></b>	<a href="https://www.greatstarttoquality.org/">https://www.greatstarttoquality.org/</a>
<b><u>UPPER PENINSULA INFORMATION</u></b>	<a href="http://WWW.mi211.org">WWW.mi211.org</a>

### 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](mailto:psterling@saulttribe.net)

### 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](mailto:psterling@saulttribe.net) or calling 906-632-5250.

### CHILD DEVELOPMENT

#### Safety

#### Battery Safety

<https://www.safekids.org/video/emmetts-story-dangers-swallowing-coin-lithium-battery>

This is a great video showing what can happen when children swallow batteries.

### FREE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

NATURE WALK	HIKE	SWIM IN A LAKE	COLLECT ROCKS	READ A BOOK
WRITE A BOOK	VISIT THE LIBRARY	PAINT ROCKS	OBSTACLE COURSE	RIDE A BIKE
VISIT A PLAYGROUND	FLY A KITE	HUNT FOR BUGS	HAVE A PICNIC	GAZE AT STARS
PAINT WITH WATER GUNS	BACKYARD CAMPING	VOLUNTEER	HOMETOWN TOURISM	WINDOW SHOP
MENU PLANNING	TRY A NEW FOOD	GRATITUDE JOURNAL	WALK 10,000 STEPS	DECLUTTER
YARD OR GARAGE SALE	DETAIL VEHICLE	LEARN A NEW HOBBY	LISTEN TO MUSIC	MAKE MUSIC
ANCESTRY	FAMILY BOOK CLUB	MAKE A TIME CAPSULE	FAMILY GAME NIGHT	CRAFTS
BABYSITTING SWAP	TOY SWAP	CLOTHING SWAP	BREAK A RECORD	BUDGET

### GOOD CHILDREN'S BOOK TO READ

THE WATERMELON SEED BY GREG PIZZOLI  
MARSHALL MELLOW BY JJ LANDIS  
SUMMER DAYS AND NIGHTS BY WONG HERBERT YEE  
THE NIGHT BEFORE SUMMER VACATION BY NATASHA WING  
THE SANDCASTLE THAT LOLA BUILT BY MEGAN MAYNOR  
LLAMA LLAMA LOVES CAMPING BY ANNA DEWDNEY  
IT BEGAN WITH LEMONADE BY GIDEON STERER  
SUN BY SAM USHER

## Button Battery Safety Tips

Everything you need to know to keep your kids safe around button batteries.

Little kids love to explore, and when they find something new, what's the first thing they do? Put it in their mouths. Electronic devices are getting smaller, slimmer and sleeker. There are mini remote controls, small calculators, watches, key fobs, flameless candles and musical greeting cards. Kids love to pick them up, play with them and take them apart, often exposing dangerous button batteries inside. Here are few things to remember to make sure these batteries stay where they belong.

### Learn the Facts about Button Batteries

- When a child swallows a button battery, the saliva triggers an electrical current. This causes a chemical reaction that can severely burn the esophagus in as little as two hours.
- The scary part is that it may not be obvious at first that there is something wrong, since kids can still breathe and act normally after ingesting a battery, though it may seem like your child has a cold or flu.
- Repairing the damage from battery ingestion is painful and often involves multiple surgeries. Even after a battery is removed, kids can experience terrible side effects to their vocal chords and windpipe.



### Keep Button Batteries Out of Reach

- Search your home, and any place your child goes, for gadgets that may contain coin-sized lithium batteries.
- Keep coin lithium battery-controlled devices out of sight and reach of children. These include remote controls, singing greeting cards, digital scales, watches, hearing aids, thermometers, children's toys, calculators, key fobs, flameless or tea light candles, flashing holiday jewelry or decorations all contain button batteries.



- Keep loose batteries locked away, or place a piece of duct tape over the controller to secure the battery compartment.

### Get Treatment Right Away

- If you suspect your child has ingested a battery, go to the hospital immediately. Don't induce vomiting or have your child eat or drink anything until assessed by a medical professional.
- The symptoms may be tricky to recognize (they include coughing, drooling and discomfort), so if you have even the smallest doubt, don't take any chances. Go to the emergency room right away.
- Enter the National Battery Ingestion Hotline (202-625-3333) into your phone right now. Call anytime for additional treatment information.

### Tell Your Family and Friends

- Share this life-saving information with caregivers, friends, family members and sitters. It only takes a minute and could save a life.

*Each year in the United States, more than 2,800 kids are treated in emergency rooms after swallowing button batteries. That's one child every three hours. The number of serious injuries or deaths as a result of button batteries has increased ninefold in the last decade.*







Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians  
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CCDF Program

**Consumer Statement and Parent Choice**

ACFS has Child Care Assistance for those in need. Eligible families have the right to choose from high quality child care services that best meet their needs for child care without regard to cost. Applications can be found at <https://www.saulttribe.com/membership-services/acfs/direct-services/child-care-development-fund> or can be obtained by mail, fax, or email. Our number is 906-632-5250 or email us at [apeer@saulttribe.net](mailto:apeer@saulttribe.net) or [psterling@saulttribe.net](mailto:psterling@saulttribe.net).

Eligible families must be working, attending an educational program or in a job training program. The child in need of care must be a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians between the ages of birth through 12 years.

You can choose from the following types of providers:

1. State Licensed Child Care Center;
2. Tribal Licensed Child Care Center;
3. State Licensed Family/Group Home Providers;
5. Relative Care Provider.

If you are choosing a **Relative Care Provider** they must meet the following criteria prior to providing care:

- must be a relative of the child(ren) needing care (Grandparent, Great Grandparent, Uncle, Aunt, Sibling)
- be of at least 18 years of age;
- live in a separate residence;
- must care only for children they are related to;
- obtain a clear MDHHS Clearance;
- obtain a clear ICHAT (ACFS runs this report);
- obtain a clear Tribal Registry Clearance (ACFS runs this report);
- Provide a signed Open Door Policy, Provider Registration Form, and a signed Client/Provider Agreement;
- follow the CCDF Payment schedule and payment paperwork requirements;
- complete initial Home Visit with CCDF Coordinator.

**Licensed Child Care Center or Family/Group Home Provider Search**

Parents, providers and the public may search the following website to obtain the most current list of licensed providers in their area. They will find regulatory requirements met by the provider, dates and reports of the most inspections, and voluntary quality standards met by the provider. [www.michigan.gov/michildcare](http://www.michigan.gov/michildcare) Quality Ratings for Licensed Child Care Providers can be found at <https://stage.worklifesystems.com/parent/4>

**Tribal Licensed Child Care Centers**

Information regarding Tribal Licensed Child Care Centers can be obtained by contacting ACFS directly and asking for the CCDF Coordinator. You can also contact the CCDF Coordinator by email at [psterling@saulttribe.net](mailto:psterling@saulttribe.net), by fax at 906-632-5266, or by phone at 906-632-5250. The CCDF Coordinator can supply dates of most recent inspections, current and valid licensing date, and voluntary quality standards met by the provider in written form by fax, email, or mail.

## **Serious Injuries/Fatalities Report**

All State licensed Child Care Centers and Family/Group Homes and Tribal Licensed Child Care Centers are required to report to the number of serious injuries, deaths and child abuse that occur each year. This information is compiled annually for public posting of aggregate data by provider type. The aggregate data report is available at [www.michigan.gov/mikidsmatter](http://www.michigan.gov/mikidsmatter) and for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians you can contact the CCDF Coordinator by email at [psterling@saulttribe.net](mailto:psterling@saulttribe.net), by fax at 906-632-5266, or by phone at 906-632-5250. The CCDF Coordinator can supply data regarding the Tribal Licensed Child Care Centers in writing by mail, email, or fax.

## **Parental Complaint**

In the event that a parent is unsatisfied with the care their child is receiving from the CCDF provider, they may file a Complaint. The Parental Complaint form is available via fax, mail, email or at the main ACFS office located at 2218 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Once a completed Parental Complaint form is received, CCDF Administrator will screen the parental complaint and possibly interview the complaining parent for clarification or for more information within 24 hour of receipt of complaint. Assignment of an investigator will prompt the search for other parental complaints and review of monitoring reports. An investigator will be assigned within 24 hours of the receipt of a Parental Complaint. An investigation must be conducted within 24 hours of the investigator assignment. A Parent Complaint Investigation Report must be completed within 7 calendar days of the investigation (depending on the nature of the complaint it may take longer). A response from a completed Parent Complaint Investigation Report will be sent to the complainant within 7 calendar days of the completion of the Parent Complaint Investigation Report. An investigation includes a monitoring visit to the child care provider in question. The investigation includes but is not limited to observations and interviews with staff, parents, and other witnesses. If the resulting Parental Complaint Investigation finds that the complaint is valid and breaks CCDF or licensing rules the finding is Substantiated. Substantiated complaints require a Corrective Action Plan and may include a Licensing Violation and depending on the severity of the Substantiated complaint, a revocation of Child Care License. Unsubstantiated reports are filed and a letter explaining the findings without any Personal Identification is sent to the parent who filed the complaint.

All Substantiated Parental Complaints are kept in a locked filing cabinet, are made available upon written request, and an Excel Spreadsheet will be used to monitor the complaints and actions thereafter listing dates, times, investigators, reports, findings, etc.

Anishnaabek Community and Family Services certifies that any and all Substantiated Parental Complaints will be made available to the public upon written request. Complaints will not have any personal identifiable information. The report for the public to request will have Date of Complaint, Nature of Complaint, Time of Complaint, Child Care Provider Name and Address, Investigation Information including date and time of visit, interviews (Adult A, Child B), substantiated or unsubstantiated, policies and rules that were deviated from, results of requested changes, Corrective Action Plan, etc.

In the event that a Parental Complaint must be filed against a Child Care Provider, the parent must submit this form to the CCDF Coordinator at [psterling@saulttribe.net](mailto:psterling@saulttribe.net), in person at 2218 Shunk Road, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, via fax 906-632-5266.

**CCDF Parental Complaint Form**

**Name of Parent** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Child Care Center** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address of Child Care Center** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number of Child Care Center** \_\_\_\_\_

**What is the complaint?**  
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**Date of Incident:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time of Incident** \_\_\_\_\_

**All those present:**  
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**Parent Signature**

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**Date**

**Date and Time Received by CCDF Coordinator** \_\_\_\_\_

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**CCDF Coordinator Signature**

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**Date**

**Next Steps:**  
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**ACFS Division Director Signature**

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**Date**

## Developmental Screenings

Tribal CCDF program provides information available to parents, providers, and the general public on research and best practice's concerning child's development, including physical health and development, particularly healthy eating and physical activity, and successful parent and family engagement in newspaper articles, newsletters, mailings and links to websites via the [www.saulttribe.com/membership-services/acfs](http://www.saulttribe.com/membership-services/acfs) website. Referrals for services are made to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Nutrition, Health, and Behavioral Health Programs. Other partners include the following program links:

<https://agesandstages.com/>

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

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

Tribal CCDF program provides information available to parents, providers, and the general public on policy's to prevent the suspension and expulsion of children from birth to age 5 in child care and other early childhood programs receiving CCDF funds in newsletters, mailings, Parent Handbook and links to websites:

<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/policy/45-cfr-chap-xiii>

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ>

<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov>

Tribal CCDF Suspension and Expulsion Prevention Policy is to severely limit the suspension of an eligible CCDF child due to that child's behavior. Collaborative efforts between parents, teachers, and other behavior specialists must produce an action plan to prevent suspension and/or expulsion. Procedures for such plans are up to the discretion of the CCDF eligible provider.

Tribal CCDF program utilizes the Ages and Stages Developmental Screening Tool for Tribal Licensed Providers. Ages and Stages utilizes parent observation and reporting to develop an individualized education plan for each child and is on-going.

Information regarding Ages and Stages and the importance of early screening and intervention is located in the consumer education portion of the newsletters, CCDF Application, parent/provider handbook and Licensing Orientation Packet.

<https://agesandstages.com>

The Consumer Education Developmental Screening Tools portion of the Tribal CCDF Program includes the web address to Ages and Stages, information on where Tribal children can receive a free screening, and referral source of the Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District for concerns regarding the child development. This website also includes connections to program carried out under IDEA Part B, Section 619 and Part C.

<https://www.eupkids.com/>

## Other Resources

### Medicaid

Medicaid is the State Health Care plan for low income persons. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services provides an on-line application for all of its programs.

[https://newmibridges.michigan.gov/s/isd-landing-page?language=en\\_US](https://newmibridges.michigan.gov/s/isd-landing-page?language=en_US)



## **TANF**

TANF is the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. The TANF program is time limited and assists families with children when the parents and other responsible relatives cannot provide for the family's basic needs.

[https://newmibridges.michigan.gov/s/isd-landing-page?language=en\\_US](https://newmibridges.michigan.gov/s/isd-landing-page?language=en_US)

## **Head Start and Early Head Start Services**

Head Start and Early Head Start are programs of the United States Department of Health and Human Services that provide comprehensive early childhood education, health, nutrition, and parent involvement services to low-income children and families.

<https://www.saulttribe.com/membership-services/education/early-childhood-programs>

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ohs>

## **WIC**

WIC stands for Women, Infants, Children program. WIC in Michigan is part of the national Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, Children. This federal assistance program provides food, nutritional supplements, health care and social services to low-income woman, infants, and children. The WIC program gives pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women the vital food and nutrients they need to care for themselves and their children.

Chippewa County Health Department <https://www.chippewahd.com/Page/360>

[http://www.signupwic.com/?&utm\\_source=google&utm\\_term=wic&utm\\_campaign=WIC+-+Brand&utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_content=stdMRZOav\\_dc|pcrid|319844107429|pkw|wic|pmt|e](http://www.signupwic.com/?&utm_source=google&utm_term=wic&utm_campaign=WIC+-+Brand&utm_medium=cpc&utm_content=stdMRZOav_dc|pcrid|319844107429|pkw|wic|pmt|e)

## **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**

LIHEAP stands for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. Through the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, this program is offered each year beginning November 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Anishnaabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) provide the application and processing. Eligible Sault Tribe Members will receive a credit on their heating source (Gas, wood, propane, fuel, electric) bill.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services also has a similar program.

ACFS <https://www.saulttribe.com/membership-services/acfs/direct-services/low-income-home-energy-assistance>

MDHHS [https://newmibridges.michigan.gov/s/isd-landing-page?language=en\\_US](https://newmibridges.michigan.gov/s/isd-landing-page?language=en_US)

## **Head Start and Early Head Start**

Sault Tribe <https://www.saulttribe.com/membership-services/education/early-childhood-programs>

Community Action <https://cms.clmcaa.org/home/early-childhood-services/head-start>

Office of Head Start <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ohs/about/head-start>

## **SNAP**

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program is provided through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. SNAP provides nutrition benefits to supplement the food budget of needy families so they can purchase healthy food and move towards self-sufficiency.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians provides an option for members of Federally recognized Tribes in Michigan within a radius of the Sault Tribe 7 County Service Area.

[https://newmibridges.michigan.gov/s/isd-landing-page?language=en\\_US](https://newmibridges.michigan.gov/s/isd-landing-page?language=en_US)

<https://www.saulttribe.com/membership-services/acfs/direct-services/usda-food-distribution-program>

### **CACFP**

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is a federal program administered by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE). This program may help child care centers, group and family child care homes and license exempt-related (formerly known as unlicensed) providers who provide child care in their home (not the home of the child) with the cost of meals and snacks given to children in their care. To find the contact information for a local CACFP sponsor, go to the Child and Adult Care Food Program sponsor list.

[www.michigan.gov/cacfp](http://www.michigan.gov/cacfp)

### **Programs carried out under IDEA Part B, Section 619 and Part C**

The Preschool section of IDEA (Part B, Section 619) applies to children ages 3 through 5 if they meet the definition of a child with a disability. Many children in this age group show a developmental delay but because of their young age, can not yet be identified by category.

Part C of IDEA is a program for infants and toddlers with disabilities. This is a federal grant program that assists states in operating a comprehensive statewide program of early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities, ages birth through age 2 years, and their families.

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

<https://ectacenter.org/partc/partc.asp>

<http://www.ideapartnership.org/topics-database/idea-2004/part-b-section-619-ages-3-through-5.html>

### **Mandated Reporting of Child Abuse and/or Neglect**

Every State Licensed or Tribal Licensed staff/caregiver are required to report actual or suspected Child Abuse and/or Neglect by contacting the hotline at 855-444-3911. A caller may also fill out an on-line form at

[https://newmibridges.michigan.gov/s/isd-landing-page?language=en\\_US](https://newmibridges.michigan.gov/s/isd-landing-page?language=en_US)

Anishnaabek Community and Family Services Child Protection Program also provides child protective services to Tribal Reservation families and can be reached at 906-632-5250.

[https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0%2C5885%2C7-339-73971\\_7119\\_50648\\_44443---%2C00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0%2C5885%2C7-339-73971_7119_50648_44443---%2C00.html)

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

## HELP YOUR CHILD LEARN AND GROW!

Try these fun and easy activities with your 6-month-old—a great way to have fun together and support your child’s social-emotional development.

### Shared Reading

Read to your baby. Snuggle up close and point to pictures, and talk about what you are seeing. Your baby will begin to choose favorite books as they get a bit older.

**Materials Needed:** Children’s books

### Singing to Baby

Sing songs to your baby and tell them nursery rhymes. Make up songs about your baby using their name. This will make them feel special and loved.

**Materials Needed:** None

### Back and Forth

“Talk” with your baby. When your baby makes a sound, imitate the sound back to them. Go back and forth for as long as possible.

**Materials Needed:** None



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# Activities



## HELP YOUR CHILD LEARN AND GROW!

Try these fun and easy activities with your 6-month-old—a great way to have fun together and support your child’s social-emotional development.

### **New Views**

Place your baby in new areas or in new positions when you are at home. The world looks very different from a new spot!

**Materials Needed:** None

### **Playful Games**

Play Peekaboo and Pat-a-cake with your baby. Be playful, have fun, and laugh with your baby. They will respond with smiles and laughs.

**Materials Needed:** None

### **Exploring New Things**

Provide new, safe objects for your baby to explore.\* Everything is interesting to them. Large wooden spoons and a soft baby brush are new things to learn about.

*\*Be sure to review safety guidelines with your healthcare provider.*

**Materials Needed:** Child-safe objects



Want to learn about developmental milestones for your 6-month-old?

Visit <https://bpub.fyi/CDC6month>