

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.

## **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](mailto: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](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/0,4601,7-154-89334\\_63294\\_5529---,00.html](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](mailto:apeer@saulttribe.net)

Any other questions, please contact Trish at 906-632-5250 or [psterling@saulttribe.net](mailto: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

<u>WIC</u>	<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>
<u>LICENSED CHILD CARE</u>	<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>
<u>MEDICAID</u>	<a href="https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/">https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/</a>
<u>SNAP</u>	<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>
<u>SAULT TRIBE EMPLOYMENT</u>	<a href="https://saulttribe.hirecentric.com/jobsearch/">https://saulttribe.hirecentric.com/jobsearch/</a>
<u>SAULT TRIBE</u>	<a href="https://saulttribe.com/">https://saulttribe.com/</a>
<u>ACFS</u>	<a href="https://saulttribe.com/membership-services/acfs">https://saulttribe.com/membership-services/acfs</a>
<u>DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS</u>	<a href="https://agesandstages.com/">https://agesandstages.com/</a>
<u>GREAT START TO QUALITY</u>	<a href="https://www.greatstarttoquality.org/">https://www.greatstarttoquality.org/</a>

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