

# IMPORTANT PROGRAM UPDATES

COVID CLEANING SUPPLIES  
PROGRAM HAS ENDED AS OF  
5-5-2022

TEMPORARY ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEE  
CHILD CARE SUBSIDIES WILL END  
SOMETIME THIS YEAR AFTER 9-30-  
2022. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY.  
AN EXACT DATE WILL BE  
PUBLISHED AT A LATER TIME.

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

# Parent/Provider Newsletter

June 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](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

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<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

### **STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT**

**Infancy - birth - 12 months**

**Toddler - 12 months - 3 yrs.**

**Preschool - 3 yrs. - 6 yrs.**

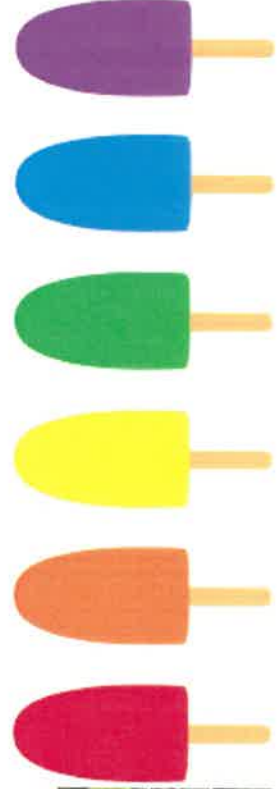
**School Age - 6 yrs. - 12 yrs.**

**Adolescence - 13 yrs. - 18 yrs**



	1-3 months	4-6 months	5-9 months	9-12 months	12-18 months
<b>Cognitive</b>	Shows interest in objects and human faces	Recognizes familiar faces	Brings hands up to mouth	Watches things fall	Has learned how to use some basic things like spoons
<b>Social and emotional</b>	Tries to look at you or other people	Responds to facial expressions	Enjoys mirrors	May be clingy or prefer familiar people	May engage in simple pretend games
<b>Language</b>	Begins to coo and make vowel sounds	Begins to babble or imitate sounds	Responds to hearing their name	Points	Knows how to say several words
<b>Movement/Physical</b>	Turns toward sounds	Sees things and reaches for them	Starts sitting up without support	Pulls up into standing position	Walks holding onto surfaces

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Bubble Play	2 Plant flowers	3 Sidewalk Chalk	4 Bike Ride
5 Make fruit Kabobs	6 Water Play	7 Rock Collecting	8 Play "I SPY"	9 Hopscotch	10 Read your favorite book	11 Make a fort
12 Go on a Nature Hike	13 Make Jello	14 Count "Goldfish" Crackers	15 Wash the car	16 Nature Collage	17 Write a short story	18 Music, Music, Music
19 Go on a Picnic	20 Visit a playground	21 Popsicles! Make and eat	22 Popsicle stick art	23 Mud Pies	24 Visit the Library	25 Paint with flowers, grass, leaves, sticks, etc.
26 Make a cereal necklace	27 Bird Watch	28 Insect Hunt	29 Play "Simon Says"	30 Make an obstacle course outside		



# How to Make Homemade Fruit Juice Popsicles

Here's how to make a fruit juice popsicle using only five simple ingredients.

## Ingredients

- 2 cups water
- 1-1/2 cups sugar
- 4 cups unsweetened apple juice
- 1 cup unsweetened pineapple or orange juice
- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- 12 freezer pop molds or 12 paper cups (3 ounces each) and wooden pop sticks

## Directions

### Step 1: Prepare ingredients

Combine the water and sugar in a large saucepan, then bring to a boil. Once the water begins to fervently bubble, reduce the heat and let the mixture simmer. Stir occasionally until the sugar is entirely dissolved. This should take 3-4 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in the fruit juices of your choice.

### Step 2: Pour into molds



Fill your popsicle molds or paper cups with 1/4 cup juice mixture. Then top molds with holders or, if using cups, top with foil and poke the sticks through.

## TASTE OF HOME

### Step 3: Freeze 'em

Stick your treats in the freezer until firm. Ice pops take about 2-3 hours to freeze—but many popsicle pros prefer to leave them overnight.

### Step 4: Enjoy



Every parent wants their children to grow up healthy and strong in the place where they deserve to feel safest: at home. The good news is that there are simple and easy steps that families can take to protect their children.

## Preventing Falls

- Use approved safety gates at the tops and bottoms of stairs and attach them to the wall, if possible. Remember to read the manufacturer's instructions to make sure you have the right gate for your needs. Not all gates are safe for use at the top of stairs.
- Keep babies and young kids strapped in when using high chairs, swings or strollers. When placing your baby into a carrier, remember to place the carrier on the floor, not on top of tables or other furniture.
- Properly install window guards and stops to prevent window falls. Windows above the first floor should have an emergency release device in case of fire.



## Water Safety

- Actively supervise children in and around water. Avoid distractions of any kind, such as reading or talking on the phone.
- Once bath time is over, immediately drain the tub. Keep toilet lids closed and keep doors to bathrooms and laundry rooms closed to prevent drowning.
- Make sure home pools have four-sided fencing that's at least 4 feet high with self-closing, self-latching gates to prevent a child from wandering into the pool area unsupervised.
- Every child is different, so enroll children in swimming lessons when you feel they are ready. Teach young children from an early age not to go near or in water without an adult. Older children should swim with a partner, every time.



## Poison Prevention

- Store all household products and cleaning solutions out of children's sight and reach. Young kids are often eye-level with items under the kitchen and bathroom sinks.
- Keep cleaning products in their original containers. Don't put a potentially poisonous product in something other than its original container (such as a plastic soda bottle) where it could be mistaken for something else.
- Put the toll-free Poison Help Number into your phone in case of emergency: 1-800-222-1222.

## Safety from Fire

- For the best protection, install smoke alarms on every level of your home, especially near sleeping areas. Test batteries every six months.
- Create and practice a home fire escape plan with two ways out of every room. In the event of a fire, leave your home immediately. Once you're out of the house, stay out.
- Keep anything that can catch fire, such as dish towels or wooden spoons, away from your stovetop. Have a fire extinguisher in the kitchen in case of emergency, and make sure you know how it works.
- Blow candles out when you leave the room or before you go to sleep.



Every year, more than **2,200 children die from injuries that happen at home.**



## Preventing Burns

- Don't carry a child while cooking on the stove. It's better to put your child in a high chair where you can still see them.
- Keep an eye on appliances such as irons, curling irons or hair dryers that can heat up quickly or stay warm. Unplug and safely store these items after use.
- Keep appliance cords out of children's reach, especially if the appliances produce a lot of heat.

## Preventing Scalds

- To prevent accidental scalding, set your water heater to 120 degrees Fahrenheit or the manufacturer's recommended setting. Check the water with your wrist or elbow before giving your baby a bath.
- To prevent hot food or liquid spills, use the back burner of your stove and turn pot handles away from the edge. Keep hot foods and liquids away from the edge of your counters and tables.



## Safety from Carbon Monoxide

- Make sure your home has a carbon monoxide alarm. For the best protection, install a carbon monoxide alarm on every level of your home, especially near sleeping areas.
- Don't use a grill, generator or camping stove inside your home, garage or near a window. Don't use your oven or stovetop to heat your home.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting. Don't leave a car, SUV or motorcycle engine running inside a garage, even if the doors are open.



## Medication Safety

- Put all medicine and vitamins up and away and out of sight after every use.
- Use the dosing device that comes with the medicine, not a kitchen spoon. Kitchen spoons aren't all the same, and a teaspoon or tablespoon used for cooking won't measure the same amount as the dosing device.



## Preventing TV and Furniture Tip-overs

- Mount flat-panel TVs to the wall to prevent them from falling off stands. Follow the manufacturer's instructions to ensure that you have a secure fit.
- Use brackets, braces or wall straps to secure unstable or top-heavy furniture to the wall.
- If you have a large, box-style cathode ray tube (CRT) TV, place it on a low, stable piece of furniture. If you no longer use your CRT TV, consider recycling it. To find a recycle location, go to [www.GreenerGadgets.org](http://www.GreenerGadgets.org).



## Sleep Safety

- Make sure babies sleep on their backs and in their own crib, bassinet or play yard. Room sharing is a safer option than having your baby sleep in bed with you.
- Choose a firm mattress covered with a tight-fitting crib sheet for your baby's crib. Avoid using soft bedding, pillows, stuffed animals and bumpers in the crib.

