

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

## Parent/Provider Newsletter

March 2023

### **OVER INCOME ESSENTIAL WORKER AND CO-PAYMENTS**

Our best projection at this time is Over Income Essential Worker and Co-Payment Waivers will **END March 11, 2023**. This means that Over Income Essential Workers currently receiving CCDF Subsidies will no longer be eligible on **March 11, 2022** because the funds have been exhausted and your child care provider can no longer bill us for child care services. Co-payment waiver will end on **March 11, 2023** also. You can see what your Co-Payment is by looking on the Child Care Certificate you received. Please plan accordingly.

### **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.

### **Summer Care**

Do not forget to start thinking about Summer Care. The CCDF program cannot pay for Summer Camps since they do not have to follow the CCDF Health and Safety Requirements. CCDF does cover the Big Bear Summer Rec Program since it is Tribally Operated. Your options include licensed centers, licensed family/group homes, relative care providers or in home aides.

If you have any question, please contact Trish at 906-632-5250 or [psterling@saulttribe.net](mailto:psterling@saulttribe.net).

### **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 or Family/Group Homes, 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. Parents can also access health and safety reports and investigation reports about their State Licensed child care centers or homes on this website also. It is the responsibility and right of any parent seeking child care services to be aware of their child care provider's record.

Sault Tribe Licensed Centers and Homes can be found at <https://saulttribe.com/membership-services/acfs/direct-services/child-care->

## CCDF GUIDELINES

Child in need of care must be a Sault Tribe member, aged birth through 12 years old, and reside in the 7 County Service Area. Child's parents must be working, going to school or in a job training program and meet income guidelines. Child Care providers 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 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, and 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, and 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)

## RESOURCES

### WIC

[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)

### LICENSED CHILD CARE

[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)

### MEDICAID

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

### SNAP

[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)

### SAULT TRIBE EMPLOYMENT

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

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<https://saulttribe.com/>

### ACFS

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

### DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS

<https://agesandstages.com/>

### GREAT START TO QUALITY

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

### UPPER PENINSULA INFORMATION

[WWW.mi211.org](http://WWW.mi211.org)