

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

Parent/Provider Newsletter

JUNE 2021

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.

ALL CCDF PARENTS AND PROVIDERS

If you haven't contacted me already, Sault Tribe CCDF program has COVID 19 CARES ACT Fund Dollars available for CCDF Parents and Providers for COVID 19 related items such as masks, gloves, disinfecting wipes, Mr. Clean, hand sanitizer, antibacterial hand soap, laundry detergent, garbage bags, etc. Please make your list and send it to Patricia Sterling, CCDF Coordinator, psterling@saulttribe.net or call 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 **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.

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, Administrative Assistant at apeer@saulttribe.net. Our fax number is 906-632-5266.

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/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 letter and orders can reach you.

If you change your phone number, please contact 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

Any other questions, please contact Trish at 906-632-5250 or psterling@saulttribe.net

Sincerely,

Trish Sterling,
CCDF Coordinator

Safer in 7

When it comes to safety for your children, you know the basics: buckle up, wear a helmet, learn to swim, look both ways. Here are some lesser-known tips to make your family even safer in 7 easy steps.



1. **Tug on your kid's car seat where the seat belt goes. If it moves more than 1" at the base, tighten it up.**

About 73% of car seats are not installed correctly, but we can show you how to make sure your kid's ride is safe. SafeKids.org/carseat.



2. **Secure furniture and TVs. Mount flat screens and keep bulky-style TVs on a low and stable base, or recycle them.**

Every two weeks, a child dies from a television or furniture tip-over. Check your house for furniture a child might try to climb and for TVs that could topple.



3. **Make sure your smoke and CO alarms are working. Replace batteries every year.**

When a young child dies from a residential fire, a smoke alarm is usually either not present or not working because of dead or missing batteries. You can't see, taste, or smell carbon monoxide, so your family needs both types of alarms.



4. **Scan your home for places kids can get into medicine. It is pills in purses, vitamins on counters and medicine in daily reminder boxes that curious kids get into.**

Every 8 minutes, a child goes to the ER for medicine poisoning, and almost 9 times out of 10, the medicine belongs to an adult. Look at your house from a child's perspective to see what they can see or reach.



5. **Keep laundry packets and cleaning supplies up, up and away.**

Little ones love to explore and often put things in their mouths. Did you know that every hour, poison centers receive a call about a child who has gotten into a laundry detergent packet? Take a moment to place all cleaning products out of sight and reach of little explorers.



6. **Ask your kid's coaches if they have had concussion or sports safety training.**

To keep kids staying active and enjoying sports, young athletes and coaches need to know how to stay hydrated, stretch thoroughly, use the right equipment and recognize the signs and symptoms of concussions.



7. **Take action against distraction.**

Distraction impacts driving, walking, bath time, just about everything. Here's a challenge: take a month to notice times when you or your kids are distracted. Help each other remember to put down the phone (or whatever is diverting you) and focus on looking out for each other.

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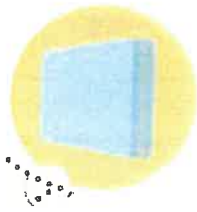
For more information, visit www.safekids.org



Safe Infant Sleep Checklist



Place **babies on their backs** for naps and at night until they are 1 year old. Make sure babies sleep on a firm, flat surface in their own crib, bassinet or play yard.



Choose a **firm mattress** and fitted sheet for baby's crib.

Remove toys, blankets, pillows, bumper pads and other accessories from the crib.



Dress baby in a **wearable blanket, onesie** or similar clothing for every sleep. A loose blanket could cover baby's airway or make their body temperature too high.



Share your room, not your bed. Place baby's crib or bassinet in your bedroom instead of letting baby sleep in the same bed with you.



Follow the manufacturer's instructions to assemble your crib. Make sure to complete and **submit the product registration card** to learn about any recalls or safety updates.



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For more information, visit www.safekids.org