

Tribal Child Care Capacity Building Center's Resource Bulletin



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The Office of Child Care Tribal Request for Information (RFI)

On Thursday, July 27, 2023, the Office of Child Care (OCC), Administration for Children and Families, announced the publication of a formal request for information (RFI) on the child care requirements, regulations, and processes for Tribal Nations that administer the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) program. Some of the topics included in the Tribal RFI, on which OCC would welcome feedback, include the triennial child count, service area, spending and reporting requirements, construction and major renovation projects, and subsidy eligibility. The public comment period for the Tribal RFI began on July 27, 2023, and will remain open through January 2, 2024. Tribal Lead Agencies are strongly encouraged to review the RFI and submit comments. Tribal Lead Agencies are not limited to commenting on sections relevant to them (i.e. Tribes with large allocations can comment on sections on other allocation sizes) and are not required to respond to all parts of the RFI.

Don't forget to sign-up for OCC updates, [click here](#). Please view the RFI information and participate in the events highlighted below:

RFI Updates and Events

Information

Request for Information: Meeting the Child Care Needs in Tribal Nations:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/07/27/2023-15930/request-for-information-meeting-the-child-care-needs-in-tribal-nations>

The Office of Child Care invites public comment on the rules and regulations of the Tribally administered Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) program as part of the Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) commitment to creating partnerships with Tribal Nations to identify and implement solutions that transcend traditional program boundaries. As part of that commitment, OCC seeks input on the requirements, regulations, and processes for Tribal Nations that administer CCDF.

Public comments must be submitted online at <https://www.regulations.gov> or by email to OCCtribal@acf.hhs.gov.

All submissions received must include the docket number ACF-2023-0004 for "Request for Information: Meeting the Child Care Needs in Tribal Nations." All comments received are a part of the public record and will be posted for public viewing on <https://www.regulations.gov> without change. Note: All personal identifying information (such as name or address) will be publicly accessible. Please do not submit confidential information or otherwise sensitive or protected information. OCC accepts anonymous comments. If you wish to remain anonymous, enter "N/A" in the required fields.

SAVE THE DATE

Tribal Request for Information (RFI) National Webinar on August 22, 2023, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time).

Register here: https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlSf-ygpjwpHbKvUqnex7aISN7BH3OWd_o

OCC Tribal Request for Information Virtual Listening Session for Tribal Lead Agencies on September 12, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time).

Register here: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltdeqhrTlqHWz79fQUVcb9PJTVRKomh8E>

OCC Tribal Request for Information Virtual Listening Session for Families and Providers on October 25, 2023, at 9 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) for families and providers.

Register here: <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlSceChrDIsGPFb4Zpt16RhnLwrt6CT65Q>

OCC will also host an in-person Tribal consultation on November 29—30, 2023, at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Additional details will be shared soon.

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