

CCDF Tribal Plan Preprint Training

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Section 4: Tribes with Small Allocations Only— Direct Services



**National Center on Tribal
Early Childhood Development**

Section 4 Overview (for Tribes with small allocations)

- ◆ **4.1 (a):** Categories of Care Offered
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- ◆ **4.1 (f):** Co-Payments
- ◆ **4.1 (g):** Payment Rates

Section 4 Overview (for Tribes with small allocations)

- ◆ Tribes with small allocations
 - Have the option to offer direct services.
 - Can determine their own eligibility requirements.
 - Provide an overview of their direct services requirements as part of their abbreviated Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan.



Examples of Non-Direct Services

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- ◆ Operating a child care resource and referral (CCR&R) office, coordinating with a local CCR&R office, or becoming a training or resource hub for eligible providers
- ◆ Providing quality funding to licensed child care centers to increase cultural competency within centers that provide services to Tribal children
- ◆ Providing training and resources to non-Tribal providers to help meet the needs of Tribal children
- ◆ Funding quality grants within partner centers
- ◆ Providing annual programming related to revitalizing language and culture for young children

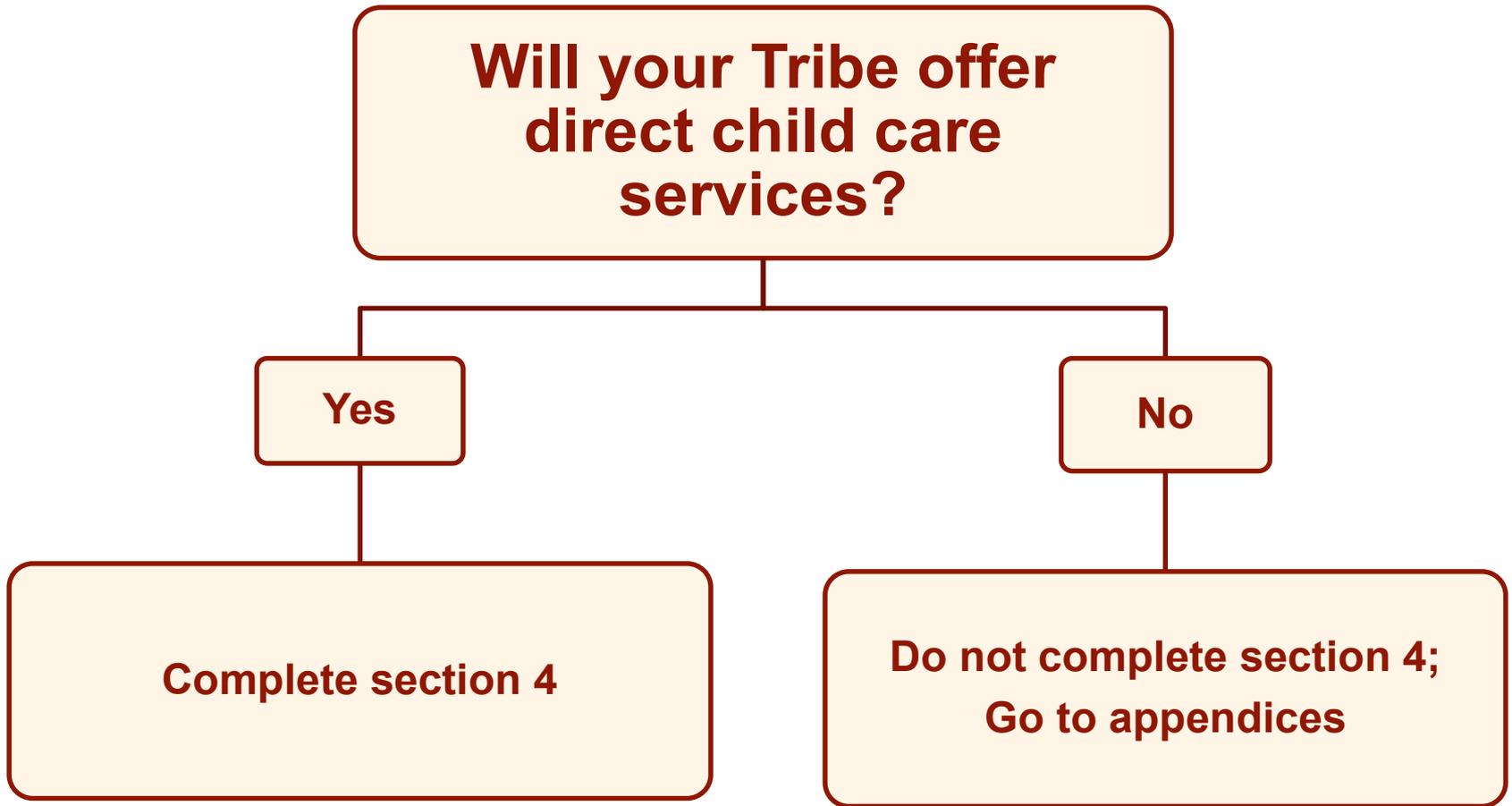
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What are other ways that Tribes with Small Allocations can use their CCDF funds without offering direct services?



4.1. Will your Tribe Offer Direct Child Care Services?



Direct Child Care Services

Funding Mechanism vs. Provider Type

- ◆ Child care certificate
 - ◆ Grants and contracts
 - ◆ Tribally operated center
- ◆ Center-based child care
 - ◆ Family child care
 - ◆ In-home child care

Child Care and Development Fund, 45 C.F.R. § 98.2 (2016).

4.1 (a): Possible Categories of Care

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- 1. Center-based child care:** A provider who is licensed or authorized to provide care for fewer than 24 hours per day in a nonresidential setting.
- 2. Family child care:** One or more individuals caring for children in a private residence that is not the children's residence.
- 3. In-home child care:** An individual who provides child care services in the child's own home.

Child Care and Development Fund, 45 C.F.R. § 98.2 (2016).

4.1 (b): Funding for Direct Services

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- ◆ **Child care certificate:** a certificate issued directly to a parent, who may use the certificate only as payment for child care services or as a deposit for child care services
- ◆ **Grants and contracts:** contracts with or provide grants to eligible providers to make child care slots available to families who participate in the Tribe's child care assistance program
- ◆ **Tribally operated center:** a child care center

4.1 (c): Eligibility Criteria

The following are **examples** of optional criteria:

- ◆ Age
- ◆ Family income and size
- ◆ Reason for care
 - Working
 - Educational program
 - Attending job training
- ◆ Protective services
- ◆ Priorities for vulnerable populations



4.1 (d): Application Process for Parents

Popcorn sharing:
How can parents apply for child care services?

Examples include the following:

- ◆ In-person interview or orientation
- ◆ Phone
- ◆ Mail
- ◆ At the child care provider's site
- ◆ Electronically

4.1 (e): Sliding Fee Scales

- ◆ Tribes with small allocations **have the option** to have CCDF eligibility criteria based on family income.
- ◆ Tribal Lead Agencies that have eligibility criteria based on income must establish a sliding fee scale that varies based on family income and the size of the family.
- ◆ While sliding fee scales must be based on family income and family size, Tribal Lead Agencies have flexibility to consider other factors.
- ◆ Any additional factors must be described in the CCDF Plan.
- ◆ Sliding fee scales may not be based on the cost of care or amount of subsidy payment.

4.1 (f): Co-Payments

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Activity: Does your Tribal Lead Agency waive co-payments for any families?



4.1 (g): Payment Rates

Base payment rates typically include the following:

- ◆ Staff salaries and benefits
- ◆ Training and professional development costs
- ◆ Cost of curricula and supplies
- ◆ Group sizes and ratios
- ◆ Facility costs



Plan Writing Time

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15 minutes



Questions

◆ 4.1

Reflections on Section 4

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- ◆ What **questions** do you still have about this CCDF Plan section?
- ◆ What **strategies** would you like to apply in your CCDF program?
- ◆ What are your **next steps** for completing this CCDF Plan section?
- ◆ What **technical assistance** might you need to support your next steps?

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Thank You



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