



National Center on Tribal Child Care Implementation and Innovation

The Office of Child Care (OCC) funds Child Care Technical Assistance Network (CCTAN) partners to support Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) grantees. Their efforts are focused on improving the quality of early care and education (ECE) and school-age care and to help the States, Territories, and Tribes reach their CCDF plan goals.

The National Center on Tribal Child Care Implementation and Innovation (referred to as the National Tribal Center or NTC), as one of the CCTAN partners, assists tribal grantees in the administration and implementation of CCDF programs.



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NTC SERVICES

NTC activities, expertise, and resources support Indian Tribes and tribal organizations in their efforts to increase the quality, affordability, and availability of child care in Native communities. Team members have extensive knowledge and experience in tribal child care, as well as a myriad other tribal programs that support children and families, including Head Start, Indian Education, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), child support enforcement, Indian Health Service, and Native Employment Works (NEW).

NTC Team members:

- Provide individualized technical assistance (TA) and information resources to tribal CCDF Lead Agencies through a variety of methods, including on-site visits, telephone, and online communication;
- Coordinate, plan, and support national and regional tribal child care events, webinars, and other in-person and distance learning TA events;
- Develop and disseminate information and technical assistance materials;
- Share innovative policies and promising practices;
- Facilitate skill-building and leadership capacity-building opportunities for Tribal CCDF Administrators; and
- Collaborate with CCTAN partners and other agencies.





REMOTE AND ONSITE TA TO TRIBAL CCDF GRANTEES

NTC's content staff coordinate NTC's TA efforts within each OCC region, working with the OCC Regional Program Managers (RPMs) and Regional Office staff to plan and implement tribal TA activities and when appropriate, on-site TA visits within that region. Tribal CCDF grantees interested in requesting on-site TA should contact their appropriate Regional Office or NTC for more information. Telephone and email TA is available by contacting NTC directly.

SUPPORT FOR NEW CCDF ADMINISTRATORS

Recognizing that assuming the responsibility for managing a tribal CCDF program is a significant undertaking, NTC's content staff work with OCC RPMs and Regional Office staff to ensure that new CCDF administrators receive ongoing training and support. In person trainings, including an annual multi-day New Administrators Training, and webinars are offered regularly on "CCDF 101" topics, such as parent and provider eligibility, fiscal management, program and financial reporting, and developing and enforcing health and safety standards. Publications on "CCDF 101" topics are provided in print and online. Additionally, new administrators receive regular telephone calls and emails from NTC to provide targeted, one-on-one assistance and to assess the need for on-site TA.

Peer Learning and Leadership Network (PLLN)

In 2013, OCC launched the PLLN to form a cadre of experienced Tribal CCDF Administrators committed to learning, sharing, and growing as leaders of programs of excellence that strengthen tribal communities. The PLLN takes a multi-dimensional approach to network-building by promoting mentoring and leadership development, and by providing supportive technical assistance to Tribal child care programs. Phase One, the Tribal CCDF Leadership Fellows program, is an intensive two-year experience including both leadership skill-building activities and training to increase the participants' knowledge base in child care-relevant topics. The Fellows Program focuses on emerging leaders within the tribal child care community. Phase Two will focus on Tribal CCDF Mentors, tribal child care staff identified as subject matter experts, who will provide training and technical assistance (TA) to new CCDF administrators and/or to other administrators based on their specific areas of expertise.

CCDF PLAN TRAININGS

Every two years, in conjunction with the annual CCDF application process, eligible Tribes and tribal consortia are required to submit a Tribal CCDF Plan to the OCC in order to receive CCDF funds. To assist Tribal Lead Agencies in the development of these CCDF Plans, NTC offers a series of intensive, pre-training webinars and in-person trainings that include:

- Comprehensive, step-by-step Plan completion instructions;
- On-site writing time with hands-on assistance from NTC trainers and Regional Office staff; and
- Training materials and resources to support their continued work on the Plan after the training session.

Through this training, grantees gain a better understanding of how to complete the Plan, which helps them to submit comprehensive CCDF Plans that accurately reflect their program design and services to families and that adhere to federal regulations.

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