

# Monitoring Appendix C

## Other Provider Supports to Help Child Care Programs

The following are examples of provider supports that a Tribal CCDF Lead Agency can establish on its own or in collaboration with other community partners; these activities can be supported through CCDF quality funds or other public or private funding sources:

- ◆ **Provider Networks**—Provides opportunities for caregivers to get together in their communities, learn from one another, and discuss things that are important to running a child care program and staying in compliance with the standards.
- ◆ **Toy and Equipment Lending Libraries**—Shares toys and equipment with providers for a period of time to use with the children in their child care programs. New toys and equipment can be introduced to providers through workshops where they can learn how to use the materials in their programs.
- ◆ **Library Check-out Programs**—Provides child care programs with books and other classroom materials that they can use with their children for a period of time and then return them for other resources.
- ◆ **Quality-improvement and Start-up Grants**—Offers funding to help providers make improvements in their programs to meet the standards, such as:
  - Buying a fire extinguisher;
  - Fencing for the outdoor play yard;
  - Buying approved cribs for babies and cots for the older children; and
  - Making improvements that let them provide a higher quality of care.
- ◆ **Scholarships**—Offers funding to child care providers and staff to attend local, state, regional or national conferences, training workshops, and college courses.
- ◆ **Incentives**—Gives extra money to homes and centers that meet certain quality or health and safety goals, such as:
  - Doing a good job of staying in compliance over a certain period of time;
  - Making changes to meet revised standards; and
  - Exceeding the standards by taking additional training.
- ◆ **Referral to Other Resources**— Provides contact information for other agencies and resources that provide technical assistance and other supports to child care programs, such as a nearby child care resource and referral agency (CCR&R).

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