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# Understanding and Addressing the Impacts of COVID-19 in Tribal CCDF Programs

*July 8, 2020*

*National Webinar with Tribal CCDF Lead Agencies*



# Agenda



- Grantee Sharing: Impacts of COVID-19 in Tribal Communities
- Funding Streams and COVID-19 Response and Recovery
- Tribal CCDF Plan Approval Letters
- Introduction to TA Tool to Resolve Conditions
- Upcoming Opportunities for Additional Support

# Presenters



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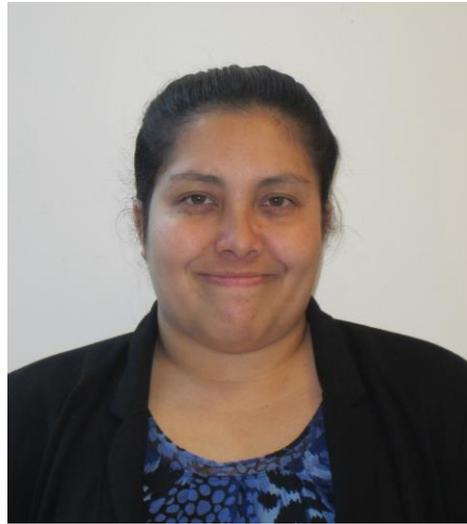


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# Presenters



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# Welcome



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# TRIBAL GRANTEE SHARING

## Please Share

How is COVID-19 currently impacting your Tribal community?

*You can take yourself off mute by pressing \*6 or type your response in the chat box.*

# Poll Questions

What is the current status of your CCDF Program?

- Closed
- Fully open
- Partially open
- In the process of reopening

What have been your biggest challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic?

- Provider safety
- Serving the essential workforce
- Serving existing CCDF families
- Changing subsidy options
- Meeting health and safety requirements
- Changing enrollment processes
- Working from home
- Other – please type your response in the chat box.

# Poll Questions

What is the current status of your Tribal Government?

- Closed
- Fully open
- Partially open
- In the process of reopening

What is the capacity of your fiscal department to process invoices, payroll, etc. during COVID-19?

- Operating as normal
- Delayed – taking longer than normal
- Only essential payments processed



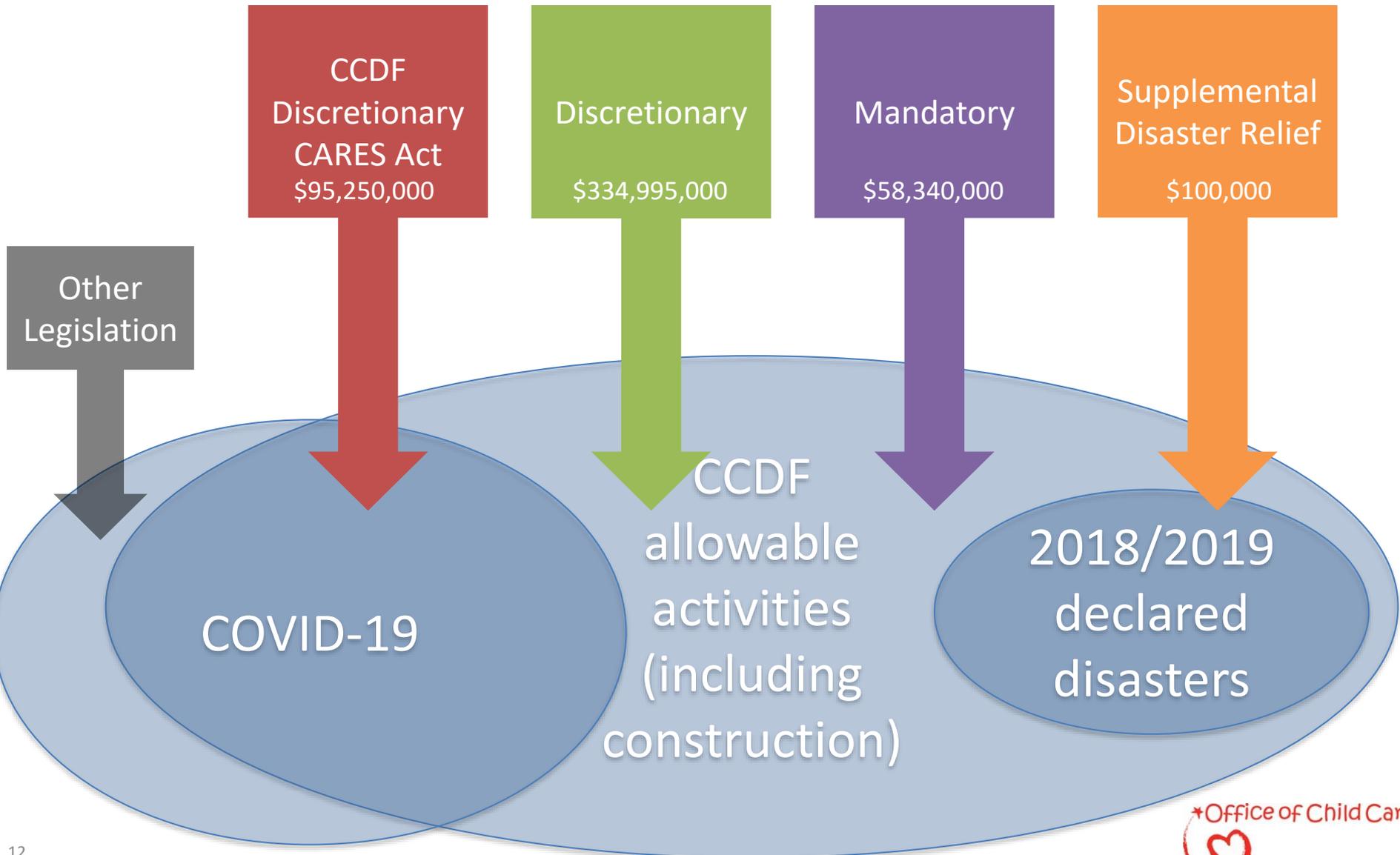
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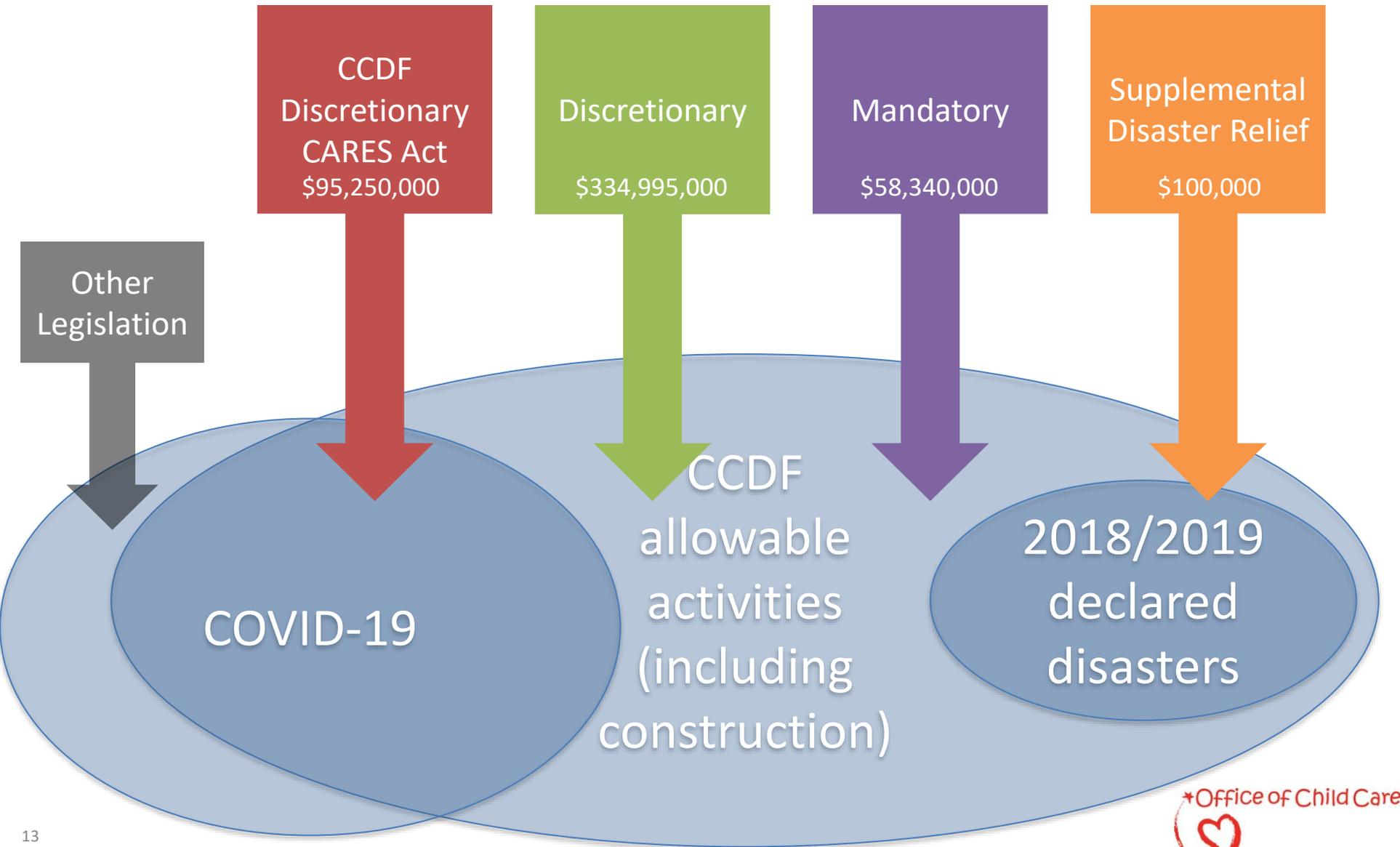
# FUNDING STREAMS AND COVID-19 RESPONSE AND RECOVERY



# FY2020 CCDF Tribal Funding Sources



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# CARES Act

- The Coronavirus Aid, Recovery, and Economic Stability (CARES) Act
- Enacted on March 27, 2020 (Public Law 116-136)
- Provides \$3.5 billion to State, Territory, and Tribal CCDF Lead Agencies
  - \$95,250,000 to Tribes

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ/resource/ccdf-acf-im-2020-01>

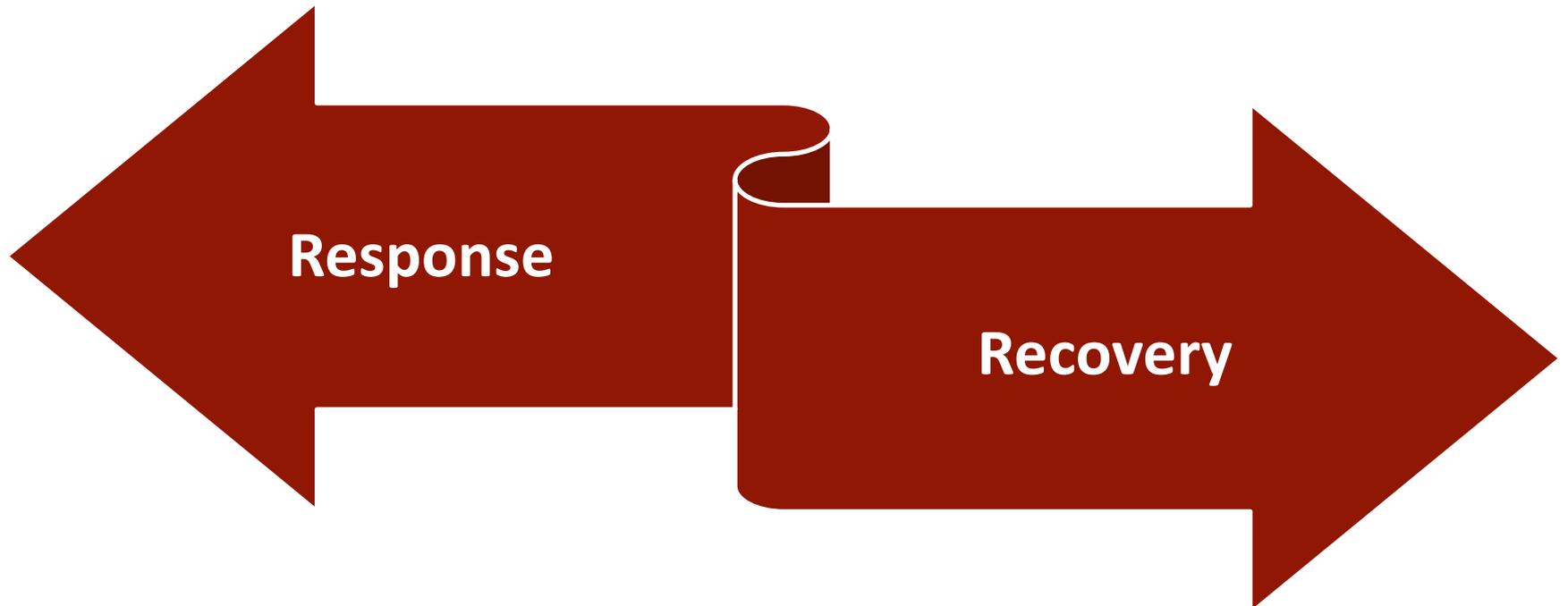
# Uses of CARES Act Funds

- CARES Act funds to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19
  - Supporting providers (including those funded by CCDF and/or private payments from parents) during closures or decreased enrollment
    - Paying according to enrollment rather than attendance
    - Double payments to two providers for the same child
    - Cleaning and sanitation, personal protective equipment (PPE), and other quality activities (quality spending)
    - Stabilization grants (quality spending)
  - Supporting child care services for essential workers
    - Regardless of income eligibility requirements
    - Supply-building grants (quality spending)
  - Not subject to direct services and quality activities spending requirements

# Obligation and Liquidation Periods

	9/30/2020	9/30/2021	9/30/2022	9/30/2023
FY2018 Tribal Discretionary	Liquidate			
FY2018 Construction	Obligate/ Liquidate			
FY2019 Tribal Discretionary	Obligate	Liquidate		
FY2019 Construction		Obligate/ Liquidate		
FY2020 Tribal Discretionary		Obligate	Liquidate	
FY2020 Construction			Obligate/ Liquidate	
FY2020 CARES Act			Obligate	Liquidate
FY2020 CARES Act (construction)			Obligate	Liquidate

# Discussion



# Poll Question

- How are you using the CARES Act funds?
  - Supporting providers who may be closed or reduced enrollment
  - Providing care to essential workers
  - Assisting child care programs with health and safety needs
  - Other allowable CCDF uses (include explanation in chat box)

# Discussion Questions

- What questions do you have on expenses allowed to be paid with CARES Act funds?
  - *Type your questions into the chat box and we will try to get you answers to your questions.*

# Discussion Questions

- What challenges/barriers are you experiencing spending the CARES Act funds?
  - *Unmute your line to tell us your challenges or type your challenges into the chat box*

# Break for Questions





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# TRIBAL CCDF PLAN FINAL APPROVAL LETTERS



# Final Approval Letters

- Each Tribal Lead Agency\* was notified in February 2020 of their FY 2020-2022 Tribal CCDF Plan approval status through a letter from the OCC Director
  - Approved (37 Tribes)
  - Approved with conditions, pending additional corrective action by the Tribal Lead Agency or by the state (184 Tribes)
    - Conditions will be deemed fully met once all provisions in the CCDBG Act of 2014 and final rule are fully implemented
- The letter also lists the provisions requiring corrective action
  - In some cases, Tribal Lead Agencies rely on partnerships with states for some requirements and *states* will need to take corrective actions for Tribal CCDF Plans to be in compliance no later than 9/30/2022

***\*Note: These are the 221 non-477 Tribal grantees***

# Poll Question

Have you read your approval letter?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure if I have received it

# CCDF Program Changes in a COVID-19 Context

- Health and Safety
  - Adult-to-child ratios or group size
  - Pre-service and orientation trainings
  - Inspection/monitoring requirements
- Quality Spending for Impacted Providers
  - Cleaning and sanitization, PPE
- Subsidies
  - Income eligibility limits
  - Protective services definition
  - Application procedures
  - Eligibility periods
- Equal access
  - Pay based on enrollment rather than attendance

# Poll Questions

How have you changed the way you are using your CCDF funds to respond to COVID-19?

- Expanded capacity
- Enhanced quality programs (e.g., retention of providers)
- Invested in health and safety measures, e.g., purchased PPE
- Other (explain in chat)
- Have not changed

If you have submitted a waiver or an amendment, or are considering doing so, what area does it cover?

- Eligibility
- CBCs
- Monitoring
- Training requirements
- Other (explain in chat)

# Waiver with Amendment vs Amendment only

## Waiver

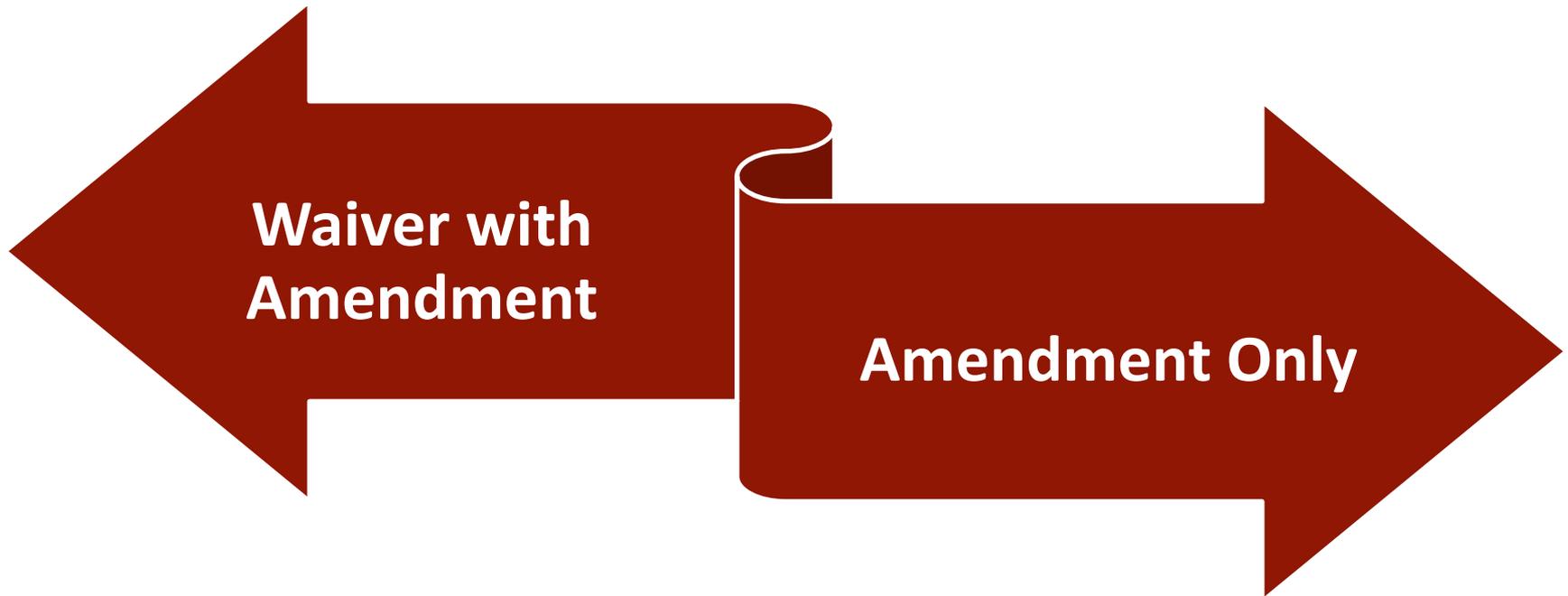
- Tribes may apply for temporary waivers for extraordinary circumstances in response to emergency situations in accordance with 45 CFR 98.19.
- If approved, these waivers may temporarily exempt Tribal Lead Agencies from meeting specific requirements in the CCDBG Act and the final rule.

## Amendment

- Tribal Lead Agencies are required to request approval from Administration for Children and Families (ACF) whenever a “substantial” change in the Tribal Lead Agencies approved CCDF Plan occurs. Please refer to the ACF Program Instruction regarding CCDF Plan amendments (CCDF-ACF-PI-2009-01) for specific details and timelines specific to the Plan amendment process.

Source: Child Care and Development Fund, 45 C.F.R. § 98.83 (2016).

# Discussion



**Waiver with  
Amendment**

**Amendment Only**

# Submitting Plan Amendments

- Discuss with OCC Regional Office where to amend the Plan
- Make changes to the Tribal CCDF Plan fillable PDF where applicable
- Save as “FY2020-2022 Tribal CCDF Plan [Tribal Name] Amendment 1.pdf” in order to document the specific changes made.
- Send an email to OCC Regional Office\*
  - Body of email:
    - Section amended
    - Proposed effective date
      - *Up to 60 days prior to submitting amendment*
- Attach amended Tribal CCDF Plan as a complete file

# Break for Questions





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# INTRODUCTION TO TA PLAN TO RESOLVE CONDITIONS

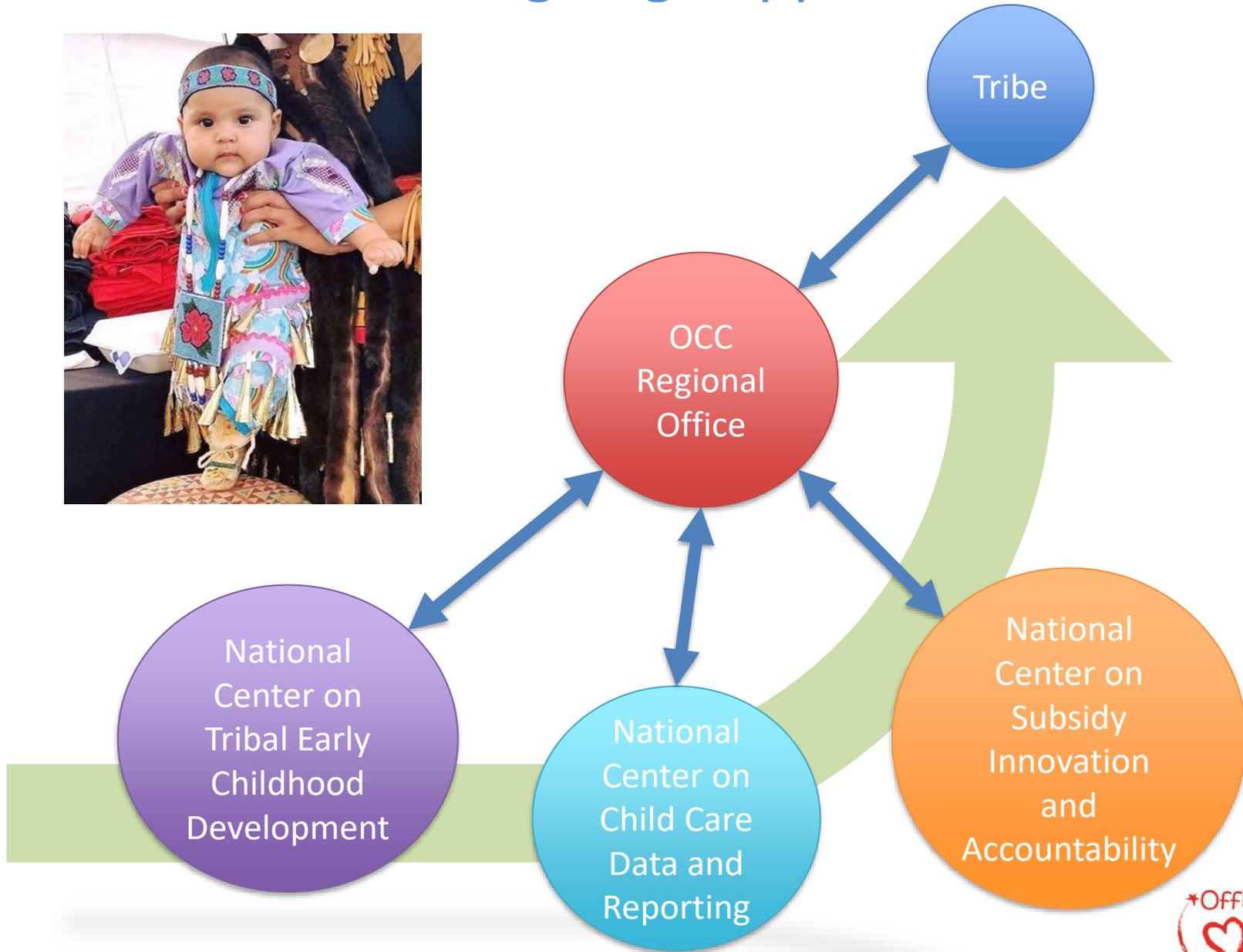




# Technical Assistance Support

- OCC and its TA network supporting CCDF grantees are committed to working together with Tribal Lead Agencies to provide technical assistance aimed at supporting full compliance with CCDF requirements
- Your NCTECD TA Specialist will partner with you and OCC staff to develop your Technical Assistance Tool: Supporting Progress Towards Meeting Conditions in the Tribal CCDF Plan
- OCC TA is available for *all* Tribal grantees

# Ongoing Support



# Break for Questions





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# UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT



# Please Plan on Joining!

- OCC Follow-up Session for Tribes with Small Allocation Sizes
  - July 22, 2020 from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. ET
- OCC Follow-up Session for Tribes with Medium or Large Allocation Sizes
  - July 15, 2020 from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. ET
- NCTECD Office Hours
  - Group 1 Kickoff Session: Wednesday, July 29 @ 2:00-3:00 ET
  - Group 2 Kickoff Session: Friday, July 31 @ 1:00-2:00pm ET

During these sessions we will go more in-depth on meeting the conditions in your plan

# Poll Question

- What additional support is needed from the Office of Child Care?
  - Please share in the chat box

# Questions



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