



# Understanding and Addressing the Impacts of COVID-19 in Tribal CCDF Programs – Follow-up Call

*July 22, 2020*

*National Webinar with Tribal Lead Agencies with Small Allocation Sizes*

# Agenda

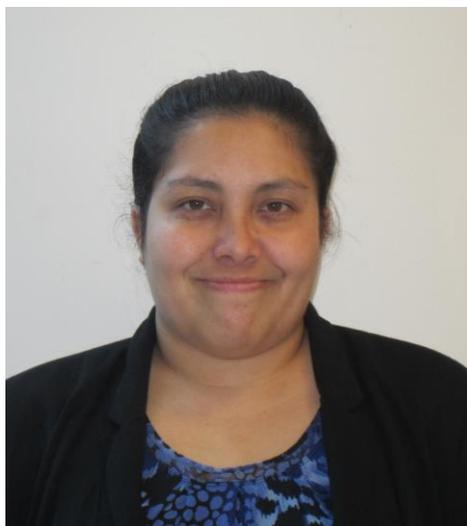


- ◆ Grantee Discussion: COVID-19 Effects on Families, Children, Providers and Staff, Ongoing Challenges
- ◆ Tribal CCDF Plans
- ◆ Plan Approval Letters
- ◆ Timeline for Resolving Conditions
- ◆ Monitoring of Conditions
- ◆ Amendment Process
- ◆ Regional Office Support
- ◆ Technical Assistance Tool: Supporting Progress Towards Meeting Conditions in the Tribal CCDF Plan
- ◆ NCTECD Support

# Presenters



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# Goal

- ◆ To help Tribal Lead Agencies understand and address the conditions listed in the Plan approval letters.





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# Tribal Lead Agency Updates

# Please Share

- ◆ How has COVID-19 affected your staff and providers?
- ◆ *Please share in the chat box or by taking yourself off mute by pressing \*6 to share verbally.*



# Please Share

- ◆ How has COVID-19 affected your family home providers?
- ◆ *Please share in the chat box or by taking yourself off mute by pressing \*6 to share verbally.*



# Please Share

- ◆ How has COVID-19 affected services for children with special needs in your Tribal community?
- ◆ *Please share in the chat box or by taking yourself off mute by pressing \*6 to share verbally.*



# Discussion





# 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)



# Tribal CCDF Plan

# What is the Tribal CCDF Plan?



- ◆ The Tribal Lead Agency's application for CCDF funds:
  - Describes the Tribal Lead Agency's child care program and services available to eligible families
  - Contains specific assurances and certifications required by CCDBG Act of 2014 and accompanying rule
  - Provides information about the overall management of CCDF services

# Tribal Allocation Sizes

(Based on the FY 2016 CCDF Tribal Allocations)

Establishes 3 tiers of Tribal Lead Agencies based on the size of their allocation using the FY 2016 CCDF Allocation Table

## Small Allocation Tribes

(Under \$250,000)

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Must spend their funds in alignment with CCDF Goals and Purposes

Exempt from the majority of CCDF requirements (must meet quality and health and safety requirements)

Option to submit an abbreviated CCDF Plan

## Medium Allocation Tribes

(\$250,000 - \$1 million)

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Allowed the same exemptions as the Large allocation category

Exempt from operating a certificate program

## Large Allocation Tribes

(Over \$1 million)

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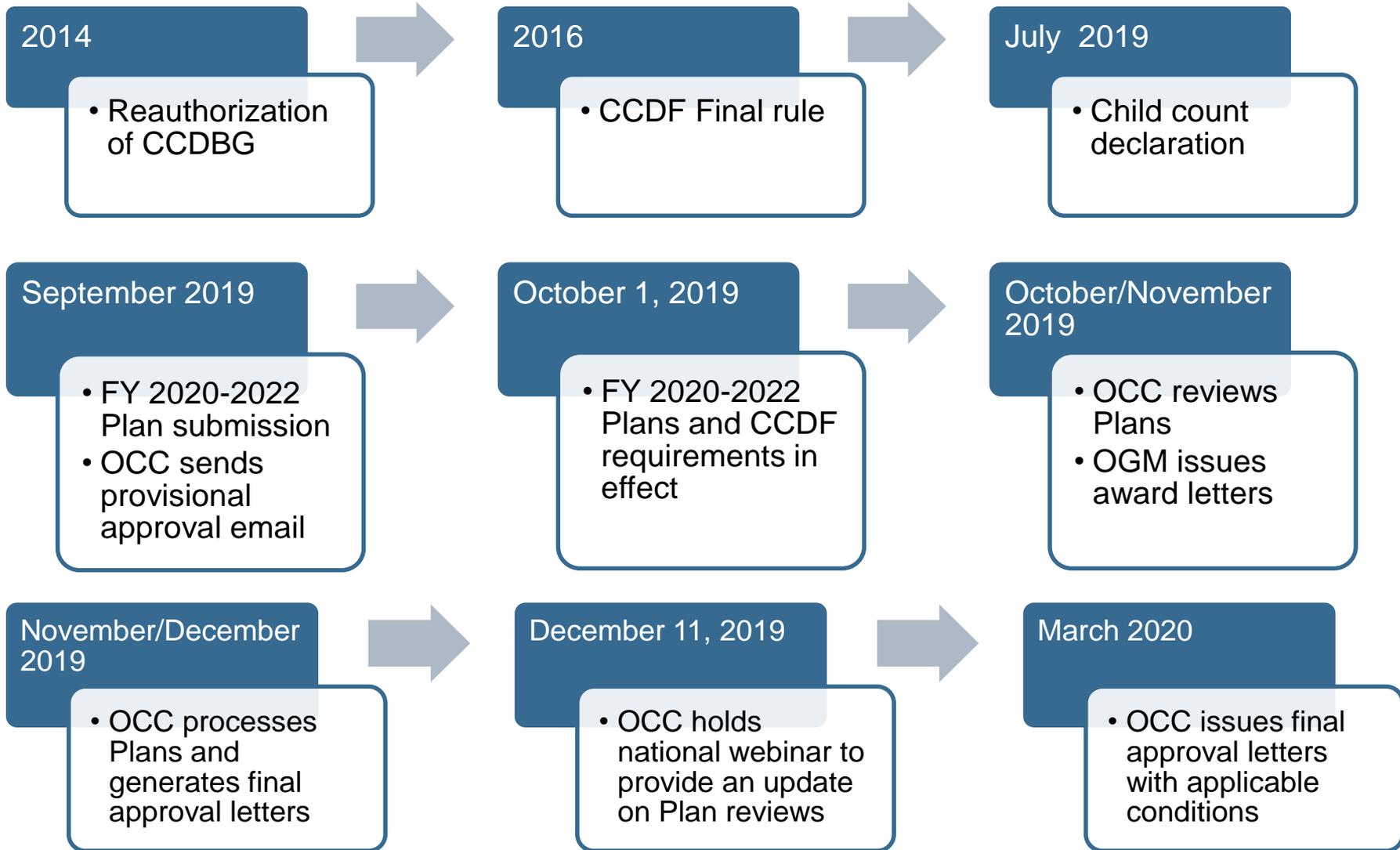
Subject to the majority of CCDF requirements

Some Tribal-specific exemptions

# FY 2020-2022 Tribal CCDF Plan Structure



# Timeline for Tribal CCDF Plans





## Poll Question

Which section of the plan are you the most worried about meeting the requirements of the final rule?

- ◆ Section 1: Leadership and Coordination
- ◆ Section 2: Health and Safety
- ◆ Section 3: Continuous Quality Improvement
- ◆ Section 4: Direct Services



# Poll Question

What have been your biggest challenges in meeting the requirements of the final rule?

- ◆ Staff shortages
- ◆ Lack of understanding of the CCDF requirements
- ◆ Confusion on how the requirement relates to my CCDF program
- ◆ Unable to access Technical Assistance (TA)
- ◆ Challenges with the Tribal government
- ◆ Challenges with the Tribal finance department
- ◆ Other (please share in the chat box)

# Break for Questions



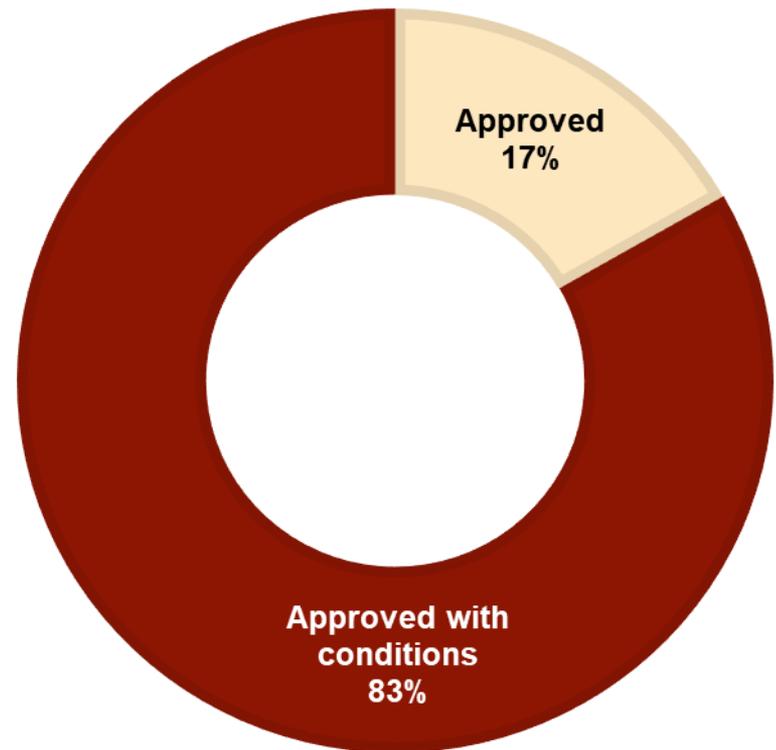


# Tribal CCDF Plan Final Approval Letters

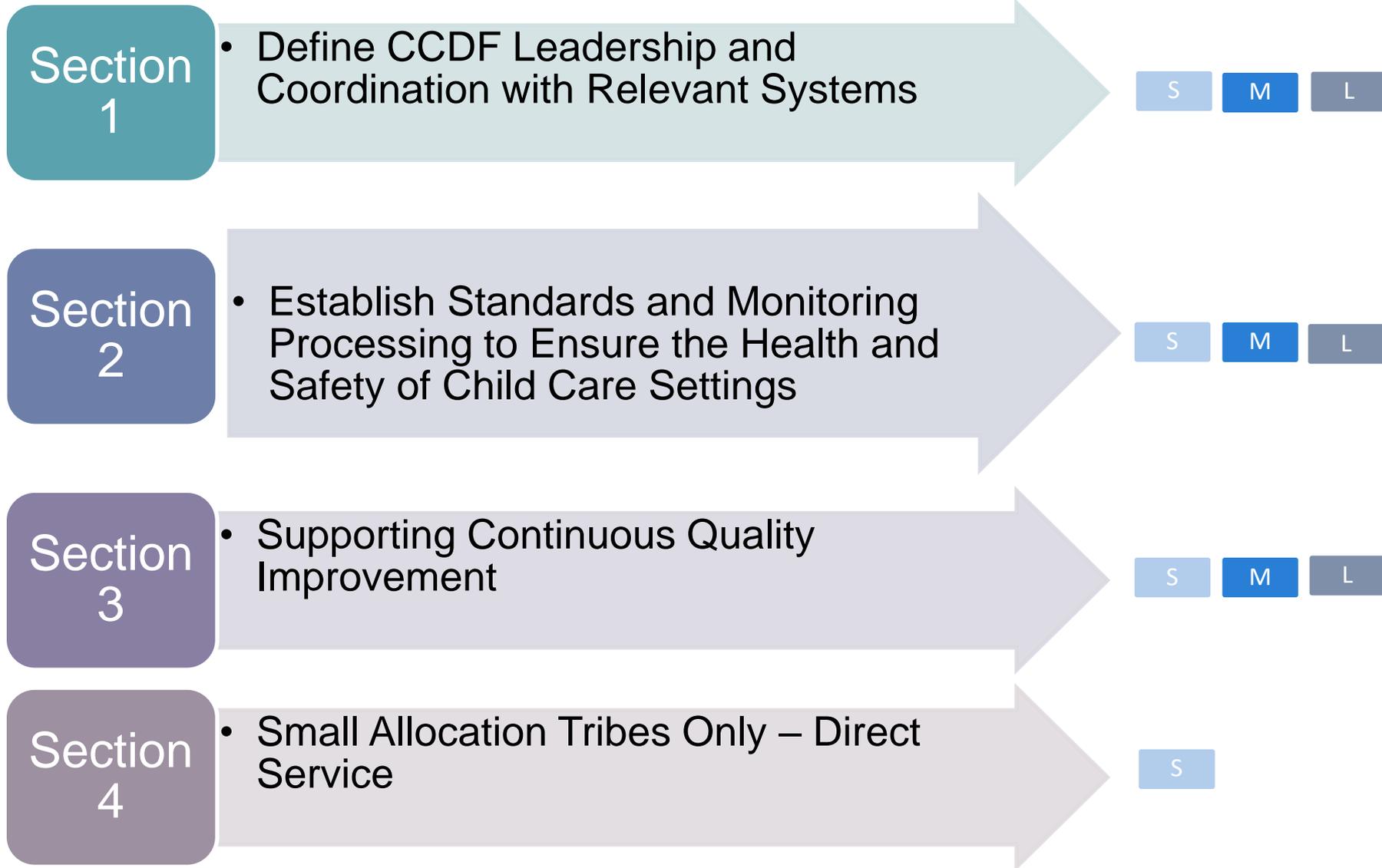
# Final Approval Letters

- ◆ 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***



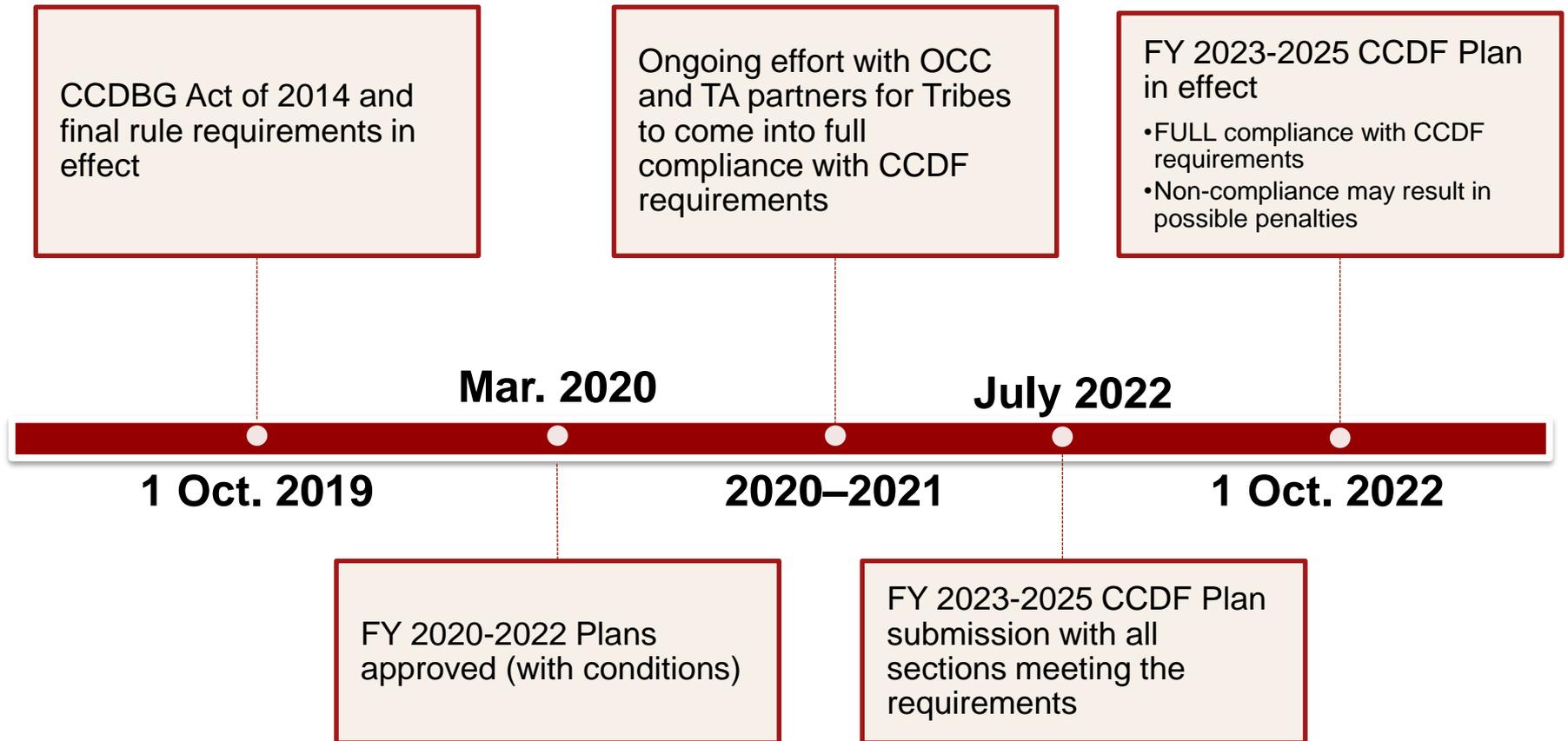
# FY 2020-2022 Tribal CCDF Plan Structure





# Timeline for Resolving the Conditions

# Timeline for Compliance



# Final Approval of Unmet Need



- ◆ Each Section of the Plan that has been identified as needing to be amended has been addressed
- ◆ Plan amendments have been completed and approved by the Office of Child Care
- ◆ Final approval letters have been issued.

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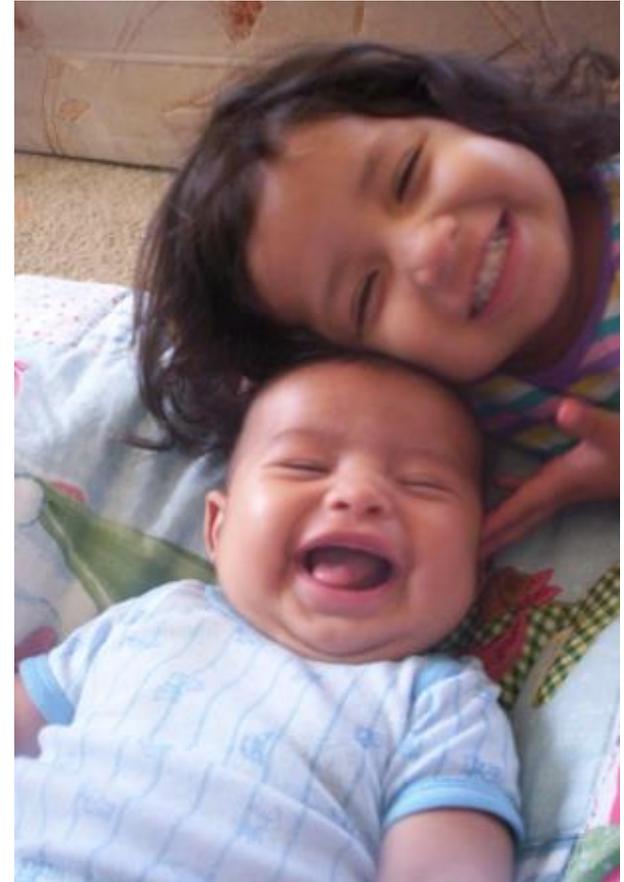




# Monitoring of Conditions

# Ongoing Monitoring of CCDF Program

- ◆ The CCDF Plan includes questions that encompass all elements as required by regulations at 45 CFR 98.81
- ◆ However, the Plan does not ask about all aspects of Federal requirements
- ◆ Recognizing that the information in the Plans is not exhaustive, OCC will monitor Tribes' ability to meet the requirements through multiple mechanisms



# Mechanisms of Monitoring Conditions

- ◆ Approval of Plan Amendments
- ◆ ACF-696T
- ◆ ACF-700 Narrative
- ◆ 102-477 Reporting Process



# Break for Questions





# Amendment Process

# 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



# Poll Question

What part of the amendment process will be the most challenging?

- Making the decisions on how to meet the requirements within your CCDF program
- Developing the written responses for your FY2020-2022 Tribal CCDF Plan
- Making changes in the fillable PDF form and saving a revised copy
- Completing the amendment log and submitting the amendment to the Regional Office

# Break for Questions





# Regional Office Support

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- ◆ Provide Support and Guidance
- ◆ Clarification of subsections which need revisions
- ◆ Development of a Technical Assistance Tool: Supporting Progress Towards Meeting Conditions in the Tribal CCDF Plan





# Poll Question

- ◆ What type of technical assistance opportunities would be the most beneficial in assisting you in resolving the conditions listed in your approval letter?
  - One-on-one consultation with the Regional Office and/or the TA Specialists
  - Webinars on the topic
  - On demand videos on the topic
  - Peer Learning Groups on the topic
  - Resources
  - Checklists or samples
  - Other (please share in the chat box)



# TA Plan to Resolve Unmet Conditions



## Purpose

The purpose of the Technical Assistance (TA) Tool is to improve the overall services and performance of the Tribal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Program. This tool will be developed through a collaboration between the Office of Child Care (OCC), the Tribe and the technical assistance team.





# Technical Assistance Support

# National Center on Tribal Early Childhood Development (NCTECD)



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# Break for Questions





# Upcoming Opportunities for Additional Support

# Please Plan on Joining!

## ◆ 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

## ◆ Regional Tribal Grantee Calls

## ◆ Watch for upcoming national webinars!

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

# Helpful Resources

- ◆ American Indian and Alaska Native CCDF Administrators' Resource Notebook:  
<https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/american-indian-and-alaska-native-ccdf-administrators-resource-notebook>
- ◆ American Indian and Alaska Native Child Care and Development Fund Monitoring Toolkit:  
<https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/resource/american-indian-and-alaska-native-child-care-and-development-fund-monitoring-toolkit>
- ◆ American Indian and Alaska Native Child Care and Development Fund: Guide to Financial Management, Grants Administration, and Program Accountability: <https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/resource/american-indian-and-alaska-native-child-care-and-development-fund-guide-financial>
- ◆ Minimum Health and Safety Standards: A Guide for American Indian and Alaska Native Child Care and Development Fund Grantees:  
<https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/resource/minimum-health-and-safety-standards-guide-american-indian-and-alaska-native-child-care-and>

# Additional Resources

- ◆ FY 2020–2022 CCDF Tribal Plan Preprint Training Resources:  
<https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/resource/fy-2020-2022-ccdf-tribal-plan-preprint-training-resources>
- ◆ Adapting, Designing, and Implementing Child Care and Development Fund Health and Safety Standards:  
<https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/resource/adapting-designing-and-implementing-child-care-and-development-fund-health-and-safety>
- ◆ OCC COVID19 resources page:  
<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ/resource/occ-covid-19-resources>

# Questions





# Poll Question

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



# We Appreciate Your Feedback!

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