MISSION STATEMENT

To subsidize childcare costs for our Ho-Chunk Children.

ADMINISTRATION

The Child Care Assistance Program is designed to assist tribally enrolled Ho-Chunk children using CCDF federal grant funds to subsidize child care costs in the following Wisconsin counties:

> Adams Columbia C Dane E Jackson La Crosse 1 Monroe Shawano Wood

Clark Crawford Eau Claire Juneau Marathon Sauk Vernon

OTHER WISCONSIN COUNTIES/OUT OF STATE

Net Profit Distribution (NPD) funding is on a *first come first serve* basis until all funds are obligated.

All applicants are **required** to first apply through their county/state of residence for child care assistance prior to the Ho-Chunk Nation Child Care Assistance Program. Applications are still accepted regardless of approval or denial of state assistance. It is a requirement that parents/guardians utilize all funding sources.

Priority Services are given to placement; temporary guardianship, special needs and children considered vulnerable.

Refer to the Parent/Guardian Manual



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Ho-Chunk Nation



Child Care Assistance Program



Department of Social Services



Community Supportive Services Division The Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) operates as a voucher only program. Co-Payments are the sole responsibility of the parent/guardian to be paid directly to the provider. The Child Care Assistance Program's portion goes directly to the provider.

Child Care Center Requirements:

Only State Licensed or State Certified centers are acceptable. Faith based, YMCA's, YWCA's and Boys & Girls Clubs are allowable. **Camps and/or tuition are not approved**

Parent/Guardian Requirements:

Employed full-time with a minimum or 35 hours weekly or attending an educational program with ³/₄ status. A combination is acceptable with parttime employment and part-time educational program.

Income Requirements:

Gross Income cannot exceed the income guidelines as established through CCAP. Per Capita is <u>NOT</u> included as income.

Child Eligibility Requirements:

Child <u>must</u> be an enrolled Ho-Chunk tribal member or eligible for enrollment. There is a one year grace period from start date of program.

Please refer to the Parent/Guardian Handbook for further clarifications



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S)

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) must be employed and/or in an education program as defined:

Definition of Employed:

- Permanent full-time employment (35 hrs. minimum)
- Contracted limited term employee (LTE)

Definition of Education Programs:

- Enrolled in an accredited college with a minimum of ³/₄ status (9 credits)
- Full-time enrollment in classes to obtain HS Diploma/HSED/GED

Please refer to the Parent/Guardian Handbook for further clarifications

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applications for the Child Care Assistance Program are accepted throughout the year. The following documents are required to determine eligibility:

- 1. Child Care Assistance Program <u>complete</u> application
- 2. Child Care Assistance decision letter from the state
- 3. Child's certificate of tribal enrollment (copy)
- 4. Enrollment Eligibility Form (*if in process of enrollment*) *to be notarized*
- 5. Application Completion Checklist form
- 6. Parent/Guardian Handbook Receipt form
- 7. Discharge Policy form *to be notarized*
- 8. Release of Information form *to be notarized*
- 9. Proof of income
- Proof of enrollment in an educational program **if applicable**
- Proof of enrollment in a drug or alcohol rehabilitation program **if applicable**
- 12. Class Schedule *if applicable*
- 13. Proof of Residence

Please refer to the Parent/Guardian Handbook for further clarifications