

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



July 23, 2007

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. I-38-07

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
 ALL TRIBAL TANF ADMINISTRATORS
 ALL COUNTY CHILD CARE COORDINATORS
 ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTS
 ALL WELFARE-TO-WORK COORDINATORS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL

- State Law Change
 Federal Law or Regulation Change
 Court Order
 Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
 Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: TRIBAL TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES
 (TANF) AND CHILD CARE INTERFACE

REFERENCE: MANUAL OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (MPP) SECTIONS 47-220 AND 47-230; ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) 99-63, 42 U.S.C. SECTIONS 618 AND 9858M(c)(5); AND 45 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS (CFR) SECTIONS 98.20 AND 98.80.

This letter provides information to ensure the effective delivery of child care services to needy Native American families in your county.

Some Tribes operating through a collaborative process with other Tribal TANF programs may receive child care funding directly from the federal government through the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF). A list of CCDF recipient Tribes in California is attached (please refer to attachment A). In addition, Tribes in California receive State General Funds (SGF) for their Tribal TANF program. Both the Federal TANF and SGF level of funding are based on 1994 expenditures for employment services and cash aid to Native American families. Although this base funding does not include a specific amount for child care, Tribal TANF programs have the flexibility to use these funds to provide child care services to their Tribal TANF program participants.

To receive services under a program, the child (family) must still meet the other specific eligibility criteria of that program. In California, Native American families may be eligible to receive child care services through Tribal TANF, California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKS), or through the California Department of Education (CDE) child care programs, to the extent they meet the programs' eligibility criteria. Under federal regulations, the eligibility of Native American children for a tribal child care program does not affect their eligibility for a state program. **This is referred to as dual eligibility.**

CalWORKs regulations MPP sections 47-220 and 47-230, provide child care services for current and former CalWORKs recipients. Native Americans who have previously received CalWORKs or CalWORKs diversion services are eligible to receive child care services for up to 24 months from the time they leave CalWORKs cash aid. In addition, former CalWORKs recipients, who have exhausted their 24 months of child care may be eligible for continued child care, to the extent that funding is available.

When a Tribal TANF program is established and the program offers child care services, families receiving child care services through CalWORKs may choose to continue to do so or they can transfer to the Tribe's child care program.

Native American families who have never received CalWORKs or CalWORKs diversion services are not eligible for CalWORKs child care. They may receive child care services either through the Tribal TANF program, if offered, or apply for CDE child care programs.

A roster of CalWORKs Child Care Administration for Stages One, Two, and Three is attached (please refer to attachment B). This roster provides the names or organizations that deliver child care services and the Resource and Referral Agencies by county.

If you have Tribal TANF questions, please contact your Tribal TANF Program Analyst in the CalWORKs Eligibility Bureau at (916) 654-1322. If you have questions regarding CalWORKs Child Care programs, please contact the Child Care Programs Bureau at (916) 657-2144.

Sincerely,

Original Document Signed By:

CHARR LEE METSKER
Deputy Director
Welfare to Work Division

Attachments

c: CWDA
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