

## Program Services

- **Data Collection** — MnTRECC collects data relating to American Indian child care providers and shares this information with the MN Department of Human Services, the Child Care Aware MN Agency and MN Tribal Child Care Programs.
- **Technical Assistance** — MnTRECC offers technical assistance and support to MN Tribal Child Care Programs in expanding and strengthening their child care delivery system.
- **Provider Grants** — MnTRECC offers grants to American Indian child care providers to promote quality in child care services.
- **Advocacy** — MnTRECC provides an opportunity for Tribal Child Care programs to meet on a regular basis to discuss issues relating to child care within the American Indian communities. MnTRECC acts as an advocate to relay information to state and federal policy & decision makers.
- **Partnerships** — MnTRECC promotes partnerships between the MN Tribal Child Care Programs and the Child Care Aware MN Regional programs to help build and enhance connections between program activities.
- **Trainer Support** — MnTRECC works to increase the number of American Indian trainers who can deliver trainings to the American Indian communities throughout Minnesota. Support for these trainers include scholarships to attend leadership training, sponsoring Training of Trainer Events, facilitation of gatherings / work groups and other training delivery support.

## Grants Program

The MN Department of Human Services, in cooperation with MnTRECC, provides grant funds to increase the quality of care in American Indian early childhood and school-age care programs in Minnesota. Grants are offered from September 1–25 of each year and are available for the following purposes:

- Learning Environments
- Health & Safety
- Professional Development
- Emergency

Grant applications are reviewed by a team of individuals that are selected to represent various constituencies and geographic areas of Minnesota Tribal Communities.

Tribal programs and providers who are eligible for this grant within both the Child Care Aware MN regions and MnTRECC tribal district are required to complete a maximum of 20 hours of training if they receive grants in both categories.

The Child Care Services Grant training requirement of 12 or 16 hours will be determined first. The training requirement for the MnTRECC district grant will consist of the remaining 4 or 8 hours, for a total of 20 hours of training.

**MnTRECC providers are dually eligible to apply for the District grant and a MnTRECC grant**



## Eligibility Guidelines for Grants Program

Following are guidelines used to determine eligibility for services through MnTRECC as an American Indian child care provider or program.

### Family Child Care

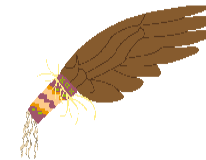
- Be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe **or**
- Be a first or second generation descendant of an enrolled member **or**
- Be licensed by a Tribal Government.

### Center-Based and School-Age Care Programs

- Be licensed by a Tribal Government **or**
- Be funded by a Tribal Government **or**
- Provide services that are specifically focused to benefit American Indian children.

### Family, Friend and Neighbor Caregivers

- Be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe **or**
- Be a first or second generation descendant of an enrolled member



# Program Overview

Minnesota Tribal Resources for Early Childhood Care (MnTRECC) is managed through the Child Care Services program under the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Early Childhood Development Division.

MnTRECC provides services throughout the state of Minnesota in cooperation with the Child Care Aware MN and Minnesota Tribal Child Care Programs.



Offices are located on the Leech Lake Reservation in Northern Minnesota.

Funding is provided through a grant with the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

## Mission Statement

To serve as a foundation and a link where child care and other early childhood programs can gain access to resources and information that will enhance and strengthen the child care delivery system for Native American children and families throughout the state of Minnesota.

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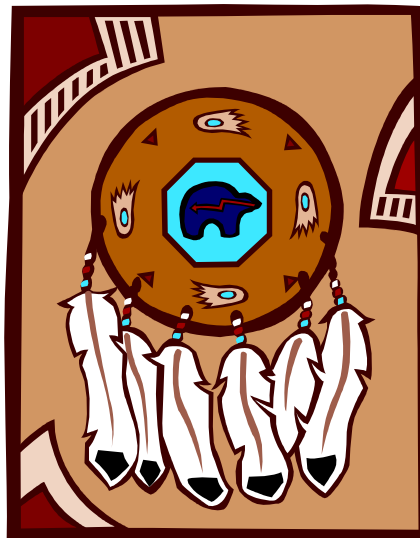
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