

**MINNESOTA TRIBAL RESOURCES
FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE
Provider Grants Program**

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS), working in cooperation with Minnesota Tribal Resources for Early Childhood Care (MnTRECC), provides grant funds to increase the quality 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: The learning environment refers to the arrangement of the classroom or home setting that sets the stage for teaching and learning. Under this grant, child care providers/programs can apply for such things as purchase of curricula, child-focused materials, toys, equipment, activity centers, assessment tools, multicultural or multilingual resources, and consultation services regarding culturally responsive caregiving practices.
- ▶ Health and Safety: Health and Safety grants are available for the purchase of items that increase the safety of a home child care setting or classroom. For instance, a grant can be used to purchase alarms and detectors, indoor and outdoor safety items, disaster kits, and consultation with a child care health consultant. This grant type also includes items used for start-up support.
- ▶ Professional Development: Professional development consists of training and education combined with quality professional experiences that lead to increased knowledge and high-quality child care practice. A grant can be used to pay for training, online learning, professional conferences, textbooks, and curricula.
- ▶ Emergency: This grant is available to assist existing “licensed” family child care providers, child care centers and school-age care programs in the event of an emergency that disrupts the immediate ability to provide care for the children enrolled in their program, or occurrences that jeopardize the health and safety of the children in the program.

Below are guidelines used to determine eligibility for services through MnTRECC as a American Indian child care provider.

- ✓ Family Child Care – Must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian Tribe **or** a first/second generation descendent of an enrolled member **or** be licensed by a Tribal Government
- ✓ Family, Friends & Neighbor Caregiver – Must an enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian Tribe **or** a first/second generation descendant of an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe
- ✓ Center-Based, School-Age and other Organizations – Must 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.

Awarded grantees are required to complete 12 to 16 hours of training before receiving their grant award. The amount of training is based on the amount of the grant award.

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