

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 available beginning on September 1, through September 25, 2016. Listed below are the grant categories available.

Physical Health and Wellbeing (formerly Health and Safety): This grant is available for the purchase of items that increase the safety of a home child care setting or classroom. 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.

Teaching and Relationships (formerly Learning Environments): This 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, multicultural or multilingual resources, and consultation services regarding culturally responsive caregiving practices.

Assessment of Child Progress: purchase of an assessment tool for use in your program

Teacher Training and Education (formerly Professional Development): Grant 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 an 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

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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