

## At-a-Glance Comparison

*Tribal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) and American Indian/Alaska Native Head Start*

	<b>Child Care*</b>	<b>Head Start**</b>
<b>Purpose/Mission</b>	Increase availability, affordability, and quality of care; support parents in economic independence; support TANF work provisions; tribal flexibility; parental choice/consumer education	Promote school-readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of low-income children through the provision, to low-income children and their families, of educational, health, nutritional, social and other services
<b>Funding Mechanism</b>	Federal block grant to tribe	Federal grant to tribe
<b>Revenues to Tribe</b>	May change every fiscal year based on base amount and tribal child count	Predictable/known—indicated in grant award
<b>Non-Federal Share Requirements</b>	100% Federal; no non-federal match required	Requires 20% non-federal tribal match (cash or inkind)
<b>Parent Fees</b>	Fee scale/requires parent fees (co-pay)  Tribe can waive fees for families at/below poverty and for children in protective service	None
<b>Child Enrollment Levels</b>	Tribe submits self-certified child count annually  Levels vary from year to year. Child count does not reflect the number of children who actually receive services	Specified in grant award
<b>Child/Family Eligibility Criteria</b>	Low income families who work or attend training/education with children under age 13  Income must not exceed 85% of State Median Income or Tribal Median Income	Preschool children and their families below the poverty level  49% of enrolled children may be over-income
<b>Child/Family Eligibility Periods</b>	Child must meet federally recognized tribe's definition of "Indian child"  Tribe sets eligibility determination process/period/income eligibility levels	EHS/birth to 3—once determined income eligible, eligible until 3 years old  3-5 years—once determined income eligible can remain enrolled until kindergarten
<b>Standards/Regulations</b>	Set by each tribe  May establish tribal health and safety standards or adopt CCDF Minimum Standards for Tribes or state licensing standards	Federal Head Start Program Performance Standards and other applicable federal regulations
<b>Group Size—Child/Teacher Ratio</b>	Specified by tribe	Specified by federal standards
<b>Staff Qualifications</b>	Tribe sets provider qualifications	50% of teaching staff are required to obtain an AA, BA (in ECE) by 2003—remaining staff must obtain CDA
<b>Comprehensive Services</b>	Not required by federal regulations	Required by federal standards (e.g. health, nutrition, social, educational)
<b>Parent Involvement &amp; Decision-Making</b>	Parents given ultimate decision regarding care for their children  Public hearing required every two years	Required by federal standards (e.g. Policy Council, parent education)
<b>Quality Assurance</b>	Tribally determined  Tribes receiving over \$500,000 must expend a minimum of 4% of annual funds on quality initiatives	Federal review of programs every 3 years  Program self-assessment required annually

\*Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 and Child Care and Development Fund Final Rule of 1998

\*\*Head Start Program Performance Standards, Head Start Act