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CHEROKEE NATION 21ST CENTURY CHILDCARE INITIATIVE APPLICATION INFORMATION

Cherokee Nation Child Care & Development programs help providers improve quality, increase capacity, access training, navigate licensing and subsidy requirements, and strengthen childcare services throughout the reservation.

Cherokee Nation's new childcare initiatives connect providers with funding, training, licensing assistance, business support, and quality improvement resources to help meet the growing demand for childcare services for families.

Cherokee Nation Childcare Grant Opportunities

Quality Improvement Grants | UP TO $5,000

Minor improvements, safety needs, and quality enhancements for exsiting childcare homes and centers

Infant & Toddler Quality Improvement

Equipment and learning materials for subsidized children from birth through 35 months.

Quality Improvement

Accreditation, curriculum, equipment, minor repairs, and items supporting quality-rating goals.

Emergency

Documented disaster, health, or safety needs, including minor repairs, essential appliances, or damaged equipment.

TYPICAL MAXIMUMS

Centers: $5,000 | Homes: $3,000
Relative providers: $1,000

Capacity Building Grants | OVER $5,000

Opening or expanding licensed childcare capacity

Start-Up Grant

For a new childcare center or family childcare home in the Cherokee Nation Reservation. A business plan is required, and assistance is available.

Expansion Grant

For an existing provider increasing childcare capacity. A business plan and verified capacity increase are required. Business plan assistance is available.

Priority Considerations

Extended hours; infant, toddler, or school-age care; children with special needs; underserved areas; Native ownership; and service to Cherokee children.

MAXIMUM AWARDS

Centers: up to $50,000
Family childcare homes: up to $25,000

IMPORTANT *Grant purpose, provider type, Cherokee Nation Child Care and Development contract status, subsidized-child service, compliance history, location, documentation, and other program requirements determine eligibility. Opportunity Zone location does not replace grant-specific requirements.*

Cherokee Nation Childcare Support Programs

Small Business Supports

Business planning | Financing Support | Technical Assistance

Business Services

- One-on-one business planning and startup assistance
- Record-keeping and financial management support
- Licensing, regulatory, grant, and loan application guidance
- Connections to workforce and training resources
- Cohort training

SSBCI Financing

- Financing support for eligible small business startups and expansions.
- Technical assistance is available to help entrepreneurs prepare for and access capital.

Opportunity Zone Supports

- Businesses in Opportunity Zones may be considered for low-cost small business microloans up to $25,000 and small business loans to $5,000,000.
- Businesses are eligible for On-the-job training programs through Cherokee Nation Career Services

Scan the QR code for more information on Cherokee Nation Opportunity Zones.

www. cherokee.gov/departments/commerce-services/opportunity-zone-program/

Childcare Supports

Regulatory Training | Childcare Worker Training
Licensing | Subsidies

CHILDCARE-SPECIFIC SUPPORT

- Childcare licensing preparation
- Childcare subsidy program guidance
- Childcare worker training
- Childcare regulations training
- Monitoring and compliance

Loan approval, terms, rates, and Opportunity Zone considerations are subject to applicable program requirements and underwriting

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