

February 22, 2021

Mr. Anthony M. Riley  
Acting Division Chief  
Division of Workforce

Dear Mr. Riley,

The Fort Peck Tribes operating under a 477 Plan will provide the following services in accordance with the Fort Peck Tribes 477 approved plan and policies.

The Fort Peck Tribes does plan to use CRRSA funds to provide direct childcare services including but not limited to;

- Childcare subsidy assistance to health care sector employees
- Emergency responders
- Sanitation workers
- Farm and other food service workers
- and/or other workers deemed essential or frontline during the response to coronavirus

The Fort Peck Tribes 477 program will use CRRSA funds to, but are limited to;

- Upgrade or purchase outdoor play equipment for providers and centers
- Provide Toys for providers and centers
- Give providers mini grants
- Food for providers and centers
- Sanitation items for providers and centers
- and/or other workers deemed essential or frontline during the response to coronavirus

The Fort Peck Tribes 477 program will use CRRSA funds to provide resources for the following but not limited to: but are limited to;

- Resources
- Supplies
- Technical assistance to childcare providers to support implementation of health and safety practices and policies in the guidance from State and local health departments, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The Fort Peck Tribes 477 program will use CRRSA funds to, but are limited to;

- Support the stability of the childcare sector to help providers and centers pay increase during the COVID 19 pandemic
- Provide mini grants to providers

The Fort Peck Tribes 477 program will use CRRSA funds to, but are limited to;

- Support providers and centers to hire additional staff.
- Assist family childcare providers in hiring assistances for their hoe based child care
- Hire professionals for training, cleaning, and other services
- Paid time off due to exposure, vaccinations, symptoms, caring for a household member and other
- Upgrade dishwashers, toothbrush holders, toy sanitation
- Distribute care packages full of supplies to providers and centers
- Distribute cleaning supplies, thermometers, masks, etc. for families to use in their cars for children before entering a facility or provider home
- Provide training virtually to providers
- Provide laptops to providers and centers to help with virtual training
- Provided internet service to providers and centers

- Minor renovation to centers and providers homes to comply with sanitation, example but not limited to removal of carpet, install sanitary flooring, hand washing sinks, isolation spaces for children who experience symptoms during the day
- Supplies to section off childcare areas

The Fort Peck Tribes 477 program will use CRRSA funds to, but are limited to;

- Start up grants
- COVID 19 Tests
- Technology to support distance learning
- Internet for providers
- Cultural items for providers, centers, staff, and children
- Partner with Language and Culture to develop curriculum, health and safety standards
- Purchase materials to support outdoor exploration: items to include but not limited to, rain boots, rain/wet suits, observation kits, first-aid kits, sanitization stations.
- Hire a professional to develop health and safety standards.
- Hire a professional to inspect and monitor centers and providers
- Contract with experts to develop consumer ducation materials
- Supplies to section off childcare areas

The Fort Peck Tribes 477 Program will work with DWD when additional guidance is needed.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (406) 768-7772 or 406-768-2443.

Sincerely,

Sunee Erickson, 477 Director  
Fort Peck Tribes