

MAY 2, 2019 NOTES FROM CCDF OPEN FORUM

Definition of Indian Child

- Parent reported there are many families living on the reservation who are of mixed race.
- They should be allowed to apply for services even if their child isn't eligible for enrollment.
- There are family as they reside in the community and it's not the child's fault for not having enough blood quantum.
- They should still be considered as children of the community.
- Parent does acknowledge that there are parents who abuse the services and take a spot for a parent who may really need daycare services.

Eagles Nest was another topic discussed. Parent reported that these young high schools girls are left in a very tough situation. They have a baby who is not eligible for enrollment and struggle getting daycare services for the child. This puts a lot of stress on the young teen when they are already stressed about life in general. Changing the definition would help these young parents so they can go back to school and have their baby in a safe place.

Parent asked if a family is currently on the waiting list (eligible by living on reservation) but they can't access extended day services. Would they reapply Oct 1st after the plan is approved? This is something they believe all parents should know who have been on the waiting list for a long time already.

Categorical Eligibility

Parent reported that needs to be stated clearly as center based only as it gets confusing when talking about CCDF and center based even though they are merged together in a way.

Parent reported that this would be great but they also understand it means a child would be on the waiting list longer. However if the definition of Indian child is changed then it would allow more parents to use the CCDF Certificate program while they remain on the waiting list.

Aligning Eligibility with Early head start/Head start

Child would be eligible for EHS or HS depending on the day of their as of Sept 1st. Parent was confused by this as they know plenty of children who are 3 years old after sept 1st but it was clarified that if a child turns 3 after sept 1st then they would be considered EHS but they would need to apply for HS come the following year.