

Title IV-B Subparts 1 and 2 of the Social Security Act A Brief on Tribal Funding

What is it? Title IV-B provides funding to Tribes (and States) for child welfare services and prevention activities. This flexible funding may be used to provide services to children and families to prevent the need for removal, stabilize families to allow children to return home, and to improve outcomes for safety, permanency and well-being of children in care or at risk of coming into care.

***IV-B Subpart 1 (Child Welfare Services)** provides funding to promote Tribal and State flexibility in the development and expansion of a coordinated child and family services program that utilizes community-based agencies and ensures all children are raised in safe, loving families, by protecting and promoting the welfare of all children; preventing the neglect, abuse, or exploitation of children; supporting at-risk families through services which allow children, where appropriate, to remain safely with their families or return to their families in a timely manner; promoting the safety, permanence, and well-being of children in foster care and adoptive families; and providing training, professional development and support to ensure a well-qualified child welfare workforce.*

***Title IV-B Subpart 2 (Promoting Safe and Stable Families)** provides funding to develop, expand and operate a program of family preservation, family support services, time-limited family reunification services, and adoption promotion and support services. The emphasis is on the use of a family-centered, comprehensive, flexible, responsive and holistic approach to child welfare.*

Who is eligible? All Federally-recognized Tribes are eligible for Title IV-B Subpart 1; only Tribes with larger populations eligible for \$10,000 or above may apply for Subpart 2 (list published annually by DHHS/ACF). Tribes are eligible to apply and receive funds, whether or not they take legal custody of Tribal children.

***Title IV-B 1 funding** is a per-capita formula based on Tribal population under 21. Tribal allotments are deducted from the State's total IV-B 1 allotment for that fiscal year.*

***Title IV-B 2 funding** is a 3% set-aside of the total Title IV-B 2 budget for State and Tribes. The formula is based on a ratio of the number of children (under age 21) in the Tribe to the total number of children in all Tribes with approved plans.*

Why apply? Title IV-B funds are very flexible and may be used to meet the unique child welfare needs of your community. Tribes determine their own priorities in developing goals and strategies.

How to apply? Tribes must develop a five-year "Comprehensive Child and Family Services Plan" (CFSP) for a system of coordinated, culturally relevant, and family focused services. The plan will consist of measurable goals and objectives, developed through joint planning and consultation with a range of appropriate partners (local community agencies and governments, local courts, private organizations, parents, foster parents, other interested parties, as well as ACF staff). In developing the plan, Tribes will assess the current strategy for meeting the needs of their children and families and identify service gaps and barriers to coordination of services.

When to apply? The CFSP was due June 30, 2004. However, new Tribal applicants may submit a CFSP by June 30, 2007 for FY 2008. Annual Progress and Services Reports (APSRs) are due June 30th every year for 4 years following the CFSP.

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