

Dear Tribal Child Care Lead Agency:

The enclosed Program Instruction (ACYF-PI-CC-05-03) contains application procedures for fiscal year (FY) 2006 Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) monies and materials necessary to submit a new tribal plan preprint. The child count declaration required for FY 2006 CCDF funding and the CCDF plan preprint for the FY 2006-2007 biennium must be received by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) no later than July 1, 2005.

Please be reminded that all Tribes receiving CCDF funds must first request and receive ACF approval through a separate application process before using CCDF funds for construction or major renovation. Program Instruction ACYF-PI-CC-04-01 (dated January 23, 2004) containing the application procedures, can be found on the Child Care Bureau's website at: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccb/policy1/current/pi0401/pi0401.htm>. We would also like to remind you of upcoming deadlines related to the construction and renovation procedures:

- If you plan to submit an application to use FY 2005 CCDF funds for construction or renovation, your ACF Regional Office must receive your construction/renovation application prior to July 1, 2005.
- Tribal Lead Agencies with FY 2003 funds in a separate grant award for construction or renovation must liquidate these funds by September 30, 2005.

Sincerely,

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Child Care Bureau

Enclosure