Dear Tribal Child Care Lead Agency:

The enclosed Program Instruction (ACYF-PI-CC-06-02) contains application procedures for fiscal year (FY) 2007 Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) monies. The child count declaration, which serves as the application for FY 2007 CCDF funding, must be received by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) no later than July 1, 2006.

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 2006 CCDF funds for construction or renovation, your ACF Regional Office must receive your construction/renovation application prior to July 1, 2006.
- Tribal Lead Agencies with FY 2004 funds in a separate grant award for construction or renovation must liquidate these funds by September 30, 2006.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure