

Request for Information:
***Meeting the Child Care
Needs of Tribal Nations***

Indian Policy on Early Learning
Committee Meeting
Listening Session

September 18, 2023

ADMINISTRATION FOR
CHILDREN & FAMILIES
Early Childhood Development

 **Office of Child Care**



WHAT IS A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION?







Request for Information (RFI):
Formal process to gather public comments on policy and program questions

- ✓ Allows for dialogue
- ✓ Information gathered will be shared publicly
- ✓ Many opportunities to provide feedback
- ✓ Extended comment period
- ✓ Tribal Consultation Nov. 29-30, 2023 (*in person*)

POSSIBLE IMPACTS

How can the RFI inform CCDF policies or requirements for Tribal Nations?

-  Regulations through a future NPRM
-  Subregulatory guidance such as **Program Instructions and Information Memoranda**
-  Changes to **Information Collections**, such as plan questions and reporting questions
-  **Technical assistance** such as national webinars and tailored or individualized support

The Tribal RFI seeks feedback on whether the current CCDF requirements meet the needs of Tribal Nations, children, and families:



CCDF Funding

- ✓ A1. Child Count
- ✓ A2. Consortia
- ✓ A3. Service Area
- ✓ B. Allocation size and tiered requirements
- ✓ C. CCDF Plan
- ✓ D. Discretionary Base Amount



CCDF Administration

- ✓ E. Early Childhood Systems Coordination
- ✓ F1-3. Spending Requirements
- ✓ G. Construction
- ✓ H. Deadlines
- ✓ I. Reporting
- ✓ J. Quality Activities
- ✓ K. State System Impacts on Tribal sovereignty



Increasing Family Access

- ✓ L. Consumer Education
- ✓ M. Eligibility



Building Supply

- ✓ N1. Early Childhood Workforce Compensation
- ✓ N2. Early Childhood Workforce Qualifications
- ✓ O. Eligible Providers
- ✓ P. Background Checks
- ✓ Q. Other*



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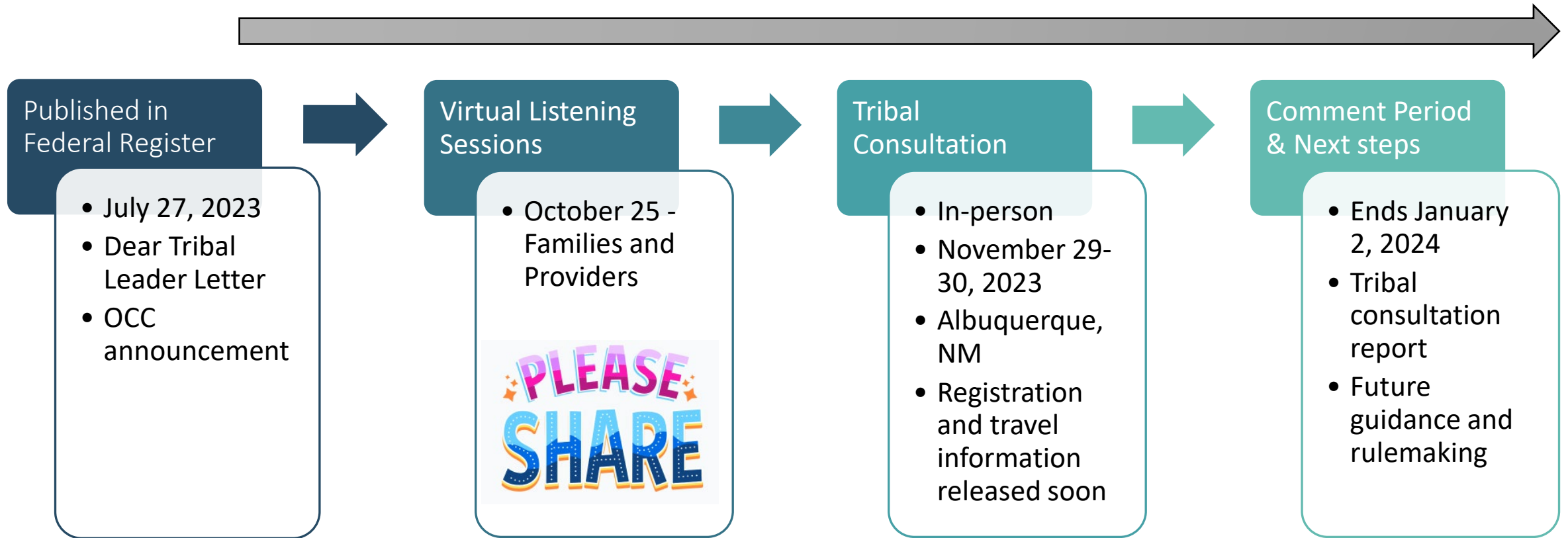
SUBMITTING RFI COMMENTS

- Today's feedback will be included as a **supplemental report** to the RFI
- Comments can also be submitted through the [Federal Register](#) website or emailed to OCCTribal@acf.hhs.gov
- Comments must identify the agency – **ACF**, and docket number - **ACF-2023-0004**
- To ensure we can effectively address the comment(s), **clearly identify the topical area** relevant to the comment. **Please provide:**
 - ✓ Page number;
 - ✓ Identify the column; and
 - ✓ Cite the relevant topic and/or question from the Federal Register document, (e.g., On page 48411, third column, A1. Tribal Count).



Tribal RFI Timeline

Public comments submitted & posted on Regulations.gov through Jan 2, 2024





Tribal Consultation

*Save
the Date*

November 29-30, 2023

Indian Pueblo Cultural Center

Albuquerque, NM



Thank you!