



Pokégnek Bodéwadmik

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI

SOCIAL SERVICES

Childcare Development Fund

The goal of the Childcare Development Fund (CCDF) program is to preserve the family unit and to promote its economic independence and self-sufficiency with safe, affordable, accessible, quality childcare for qualified Pokagon Band families.

The Pokagon Band Social Services Department may provide payment for childcare services for qualifying families when the parent(s)/substitute parent(s) is unavailable to provide the childcare because of employment, training for employment, education and/or because of a health/social condition for which treatment is being received and care is provided by an eligible provider.

The child(ren) needing childcare services must be:

- Under age 13; and
- A member, or eligible for membership, with the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians; and
- Reside within the service area.

Note: Eligible children who turn age 13 during a CCDF pay period are eligible through the end of that CCDF pay period.

Note: The service area includes the Michigan counties of Allegan, Berrien, Cass, Kalamazoo, and Van Buren, and the Indiana counties of Elkhart, Kosciusko, La Porte, Marshall, Starke, and St. Joseph.

There are four CCDF reasons of need. Each parent/substitute parent of the child needing care must have a valid reason of need during the time childcare is requested. Each reason of need must be verified and exists only when each parent/substitute parent is unavailable to provide the care because of:

- Continuing Education
- Employment Training
- Employment
- Family Preservation