

Early Childhood Education

Our White Earth Child Care Program provides training opportunities to the community on various Early Childhood /School Age topics and curriculums.

Training includes, but not limited to:

- Child Development
- Positive Indian Parenting
- Brazelton Touchpoints
- Special Needs & Challenging Behaviors
- Infant Toddler Training
- Social & Emotional/Mental Health
- Parenting/Caregiver Strategies



Child Care Learning Centers

Our program manages 2 licensed child care learning centers that strive to offer quality care to the children they serve.

White Earth Family Child Care & Learning Center
P.O. Box 418

White Earth, MN 56591
(218) 983-3285 Ext. 1405

Licensed to serves ages 0—3

Mahnomen Child Care & Learning Center
2235 College Rd., Suite 1

Mahnomen, MN 56557
(218) 935-0314

Licensed to serve ages 0—12



Child Care Assistance/Subsidy Program for Quality Childcare

This program helps parents who are working or attending school, and who do not qualify for any other child care assistance programs such as county or school funded sources, and who are having difficulties in paying for their child care costs. Eligibility is based on the following:

- a. Household income and family size
- b. Verification of Native American descent (children, parents or grandparents)
- c. Verification of work or school
- d. Must reside in our service area (Becker, Mahnomen and a portion of Clearwater Counties)

You must reapply for assistance every 12 months and notify the agency of any changes in household income.



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Partnering with all Reservation programs, agencies & schools to help all children be “ready to learn”.

Program Services

- Child Care Licensing Program
- Quality Improvement and Technical Assistance
- Child Care Assistance/Subsidy Program
- Training scholarships
- Referrals (to child care providers, Child Care Resource & Referral, ECFE, Early Intervention Dental, Mental Health, After School Child Care, Head Start)
- Child Care Learning Centers (2)
- Resource tools on child development, cultural diversity, age appropriate books, toys and videos
- Start-up of Child Care facilities (in home, group/family, center based child care, school-age child care, infant & toddler or odd-hour care)
- MFIP referrals, child care info and advocacy
- Child Care Provider Information Packets filled with a host of info regarding caring for children and child development (licensed & unlicensed)
- Sponsor the annual *Communities Collaborative Brain Development Conference*, held annually in August, which brings in national and local experts to share useful strategies and information on the varying things that affect a child's developing brain, from environments, learning styles, violence, media, literacy and health.
- School Age Child Care Grants
- Early Childhood Training/Education/Co-horts
- Readmobile Site Visits
- Early Childhood Initiative Community
- Community Outreach
- FFN Supportive Services (Family, Friend & Neighbor Child Care-Unlicensed Care)



Child Care Licensing Program

This program licenses Child Care Providers on or near the White Earth Reservation. The goal of the licensing program is to improve the quality and availability of child care throughout our service areas (Mahnomon, Becker and Clearwater County). This program is for anyone who is an enrolled member in a federally recognized tribe OR a direct descendent of an enrolled member. There are many advantages to becoming a licensed child care provider that are listed in our Provider Information Packets. Assistance in the start up of a child care program is available. Please contact our office for more information on services.



Quality Improvement and Technical Assistance

Quality Improvement and Technical Assistance is available for licensed child care providers and FFN (Family Friends and Neighbors) child care providers. Services include:

- ♥ Quality Improvement Grants (start up, annual mini-grants, health & safety, infant/toddler)
- ♥ Onsite Consultation
- ♥ Curriculum Development
- ♥ Early Childhood Education Classes
- ♥ Readmobile Visits
- ♥ Training Scholarships
- ♥ Parent Referrals (to licensed child care)
- ♥ Monthly Curriculum Ideas/Activities
- ♥ Assistance with Parent/Provider Contract and Policies
- ♥ Health and Safety Equipment

Early Childhood Initiatives and Community Outreach Services

Knowing that it takes a village to raise a child, our program is dedicated to reaching out to the community to involve them and collaborate with them in early childhood issues and activities in our area. Community Outreach efforts includes:

- ♥ Early Childhood Monthly Meetings that bring community members to the table to plan early childhood events and address community early childhood needs (i.e., dental care for 0-6, infant toddler mental health, parent involvement, etc)
- ♥ Referrals/Family Resource Books
- ♥ Early Childhood Community Events
- ♥ Caring for Kids Store (parents and providers can earn points to be redeemed at the Caring for Kids Store for participating in early childhood events, trainings, well-baby checks, WIC, immunization, etc)
- ♥ Parent/Community Involvement
- ♥ Collaboration with local schools and early childhood programs on school readiness issues

Readmobile Outreach Services

Our Readmobile Outreach Unit provides and promotes early literacy experiences to the children, parents and child care providers of the White Earth Reservation. The Readmobile visits child care providers (licensed, group, center or FFN) to help them with creating print rich environments,



storytelling, reading, home visiting and library services. The Readmobile also provides access to the Ojibwe language by offering books, labels and other resources rich in language. Teaching and learning the Ojibwe language is a priority to revitalize our language and culture.