



Direct Tribal Title IV-E



Title IV-B subpart 1

section 471(a)(2) of the Act

Authorization

The Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008, Public Law 110- 351, (Fostering Connections) provides federally-recognized Indian Tribes, Indian Tribal Organizations and Consortia (Indian Tribes) with the option to submit a plan to the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) to operate a title IV-E program directly (section 479B of the Social Security Act).



Title IV-E Overview

- General title IV-E requirements.
- Provisions specific to the Foster Care Maintenance Payments, Adoption Assistance and optional Guardianship Assistance Programs.
- Provisions specific to the optional title IV-E Prevention Services and Kinship Navigator Programs.
- John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood and the Educational and Training Vouchers Programs.

General title IV-E requirements

Mandatory Components

- Service Area and Population Designation
- Foster Care Maintenance Payments Program
- Adoption Assistance Program

Optional Components

- Guardianship Assistance Program
- Extend Title IV-E Payments for Youth Up To Age 21 ([ACYF-CB-PI-10-11](#))
- Title IV-E Prevention and Family Services Program
- Title IV-E Kinship Navigator Program

Foster Care Maintenance Payments and Adoption Assistance

1. Legal Processes for Placing Children in Foster Care
 - a. judicial determinations related to removals and
 - b. the title IV-E agency must have placement and care responsibility for the child
2. Judicial Activities
3. Licensing Foster Family Homes and Child Care Institutions
4. Case Planning and Permanency Decisions

1. Adoption Assistance
 - a. *Discretion in Procedures for Finalization*
 - b. *Eligibility for Adoption Assistance*
 - c. *Adoption Assistance Agreements*
2. Optional Kinship Guardianship Assistance



Prevention and Family Services Programs

- Five-year title IV-E prevention program plan and pre-print
- KN – pre-print
 - must assist kinship caregivers in learning about, finding, and using programs and services to meet the needs of the children they are raising and 1 their own needs, and to promote effective partnerships among public and private agencies to ensure kinship caregiver families are served

“Chafee” Foster Care Program and ETV Programs



- John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood
 - To help youth who have experienced foster care at age 14 or older achieve self-sufficiency by providing educational assistance, career exploration, vocational training, life skills training, substance abuse prevention, preventive health activities, and opportunities to engage in age or developmentally-appropriate activities
- Educational and Training Vouchers
 - \$5,000 per year per youth for post-secondary education and training for eligible youth
 - <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/laws-policies/policy-program-issuances>.

Cost Allocation Methodology (CAM)

For Indian Tribes, the plan for determining allocation of allowable costs is referred to as a cost allocation methodology (CAM).

- Matching
- Financial Reports
- Cost Principles
- Audits
- Rate Setting



Other Considerations

- ❖ Background checks
- ❖ Intergovernmental agreements
 - ❖ AFDC program as it existed on July 16, 1996 &
 - ❖ Medicaid/Title XIX Agency
 - ❖ Child Support Enforcement (ACYF-CB-IM-12-06)
 - ❖ Tribal Agreements
- ❖ Fair hearings, confidentiality, Court of Appeals
- ❖ Transfer of an Indian Child from State to Tribal Court
- ❖ CWIS & APD

Alaska Tribes with approved plans

- ALEUT COMMUNITY OF ST. PAUL ISLAND, ALASKA
- KENAITZE INDIAN TRIBE, KENAI, ALASKA
- THE MANIILAQ ASSOCIATION, KOTZEBUE, ALASKA



Title IV-E Development Grants

STANDING ANNOUNCEMENT FOR
TRIBAL TITLE IV-E PLAN
DEVELOPMENT GRANTS –
[HHS-2025-ACF-ACYF-CS-0067](https://www.fda.gov/oc/2025-01-27-announcement-tribal-title-iv-e-plan-development-grants)



Tribal Court Improvement Program

- CONDUCTING ASSESSMENTS
- ENSURING THE SAFETY, PERMANENCY, AND WELL-BEING
- CQI OF COURT HEARINGS
- AWARD CEILING: \$150,000

Policy Resources

- The following resources provide additional information about policy manuals, federal legislation, as well as state and tribal statutes.
- [**CHILD WELFARE POLICY MANUAL**](#): Policy questions and answers applicable to child welfare programs operated by the children's bureau.
- **THE TITLE IV-E PLAN PREPRINT** - The current version of the title IV-E plan preprint for state and tribal title IV-E agencies is in the following program instructions:
 - [**ACYF-CB-PI-18-07**](#): Preprint Section A, State and Tribal Title IV-E Agency Plan for Foster Care Assistance, Adoption Assistance and Guardianship Assistance Programs
 - [**ACYF-CB-PI-18-11**](#): Preprint Section A, State and Tribal Title IV-E Agency Plan Attachment XII: Requirements for Participating in the Title IV-E Kinship Navigator Program
 - [**ACYF-CB-PI-18-09**](#): Preprint Section B, State Title IV-E Agency Plan for Title IV-E Prevention Services and Programs
 - [**ACYF-CB-PI-18-10**](#): Preprint Section B, Tribal Title IV-E Agency Plan for Title IV-E Prevention Services and Programs
 - [**ACYF-CB-PI-23-08**](#): Preprint amendment based on changes from the *Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2022* (P.L. 117-348)
 - [**ACYF-CB-PI-23-10**](#): Preprint Section A, amendment to adopt separate licensing or approval standards for relative or kinship foster family homes and to ensure foster care maintenance payment amount equity for relative and kinship foster family homes.

Policy resources continued

- **Form CB-496** — The current version of the Title IV-E Programs Quarterly Financial Report CB-496 with instructions is in [ACYF-CB-PI-21-08](#), issued July 15, 2021.
- [Understanding and Complying With Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and The Multiethnic Placement Act of 1994, as amended by The Interethnic Adoption Provisions \(IEP\)](#) - This curriculum is sponsored by the Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau, in coordination with the National Resource Center for Adoption, a service of the Children's Bureau.
- [Congress.gov](#) - Congress.gov is the official website for U.S. federal legislative information. The site provides access to accurate, timely, and complete legislative information for Members of Congress, legislative agencies, and the public.
- [State statutes search](#) - search child welfare information gateway for state statutes on issues related to child abuse and neglect, child welfare, and adoption. Results will provide summaries of state statutes (and full text of laws, in some cases).

Links to Resources

IV-B

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/programs/state-tribal-cfsp/tribal-toolkit>

CFSP/APSR Template

Child Welfare Program Manual/IV-B/Use of Funds

CFSP/APSR Reporting Schedule for States and Tribes

IV-E

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/media/12589>

Tribal Readiness Assessment Tool for IV-E Program.pdf

Kin Lic Standards

PI-23-10, PI-23-10 Attachment A, PI-23-10 Attachment B

Kinship Navigator

PI-18-11.pdf, Attachment B: Title IV-E Plan Pre-Print Attachment XII - Kinship Navigator Program (Fillable)

Prevention

PI-18-10.pdf

Attachment B: Tribal title IV-E prevention program five-year plan pre-print (Word)

Attachment I. Tribal title IV-E prevention program reporting assurance (Fillable)

Attachment II. Tribal title IV-E agency request for waiver (Fillable)

Attachment III. Tribal title IV-E agency assurance of trauma-informed service-delivery (Fillable)



Questions?



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