

Red Lake Nation: Child Care Assistance Program impact

Red Lake Nation administers the Minnesota Child Care Assistance Program for tribal members in Beltrami and Clearwater counties.¹ Historic investments passed by the legislature enabled CCAP rates to increase to the 75th percentile of the most recent [Market Rate Survey](#), resulting in increases for 90% of reimbursement rates. These investments also impacted Basic Sliding Fee CCAP, expanding access to an estimated 500 additional families statewide and permanently reprioritizing the Basic Sliding Fee waitlist to expedite access to families.

Red Lake Nation child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p>30 families served so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p>86 children served, including 58 in high-quality child care, essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fewer than 10 family child care providers • 5 child care centers 	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.²</p>

What parents are saying³

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

¹ Counts are based on providers who received a payment from Red Lake Nation as their Financially Responsible Agency, and families/children who had a payment made on their behalf from Red Lake Nation.

² See page seven of the 2023 CCAP Family Profile for race/ethnicity data: [edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfs/Server/Public/DHS-6664k-ENG](https://docs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfs/Server/Public/DHS-6664k-ENG)

³ Child Trends (2023). *Provider Perceptions of the Child Care Assistance Program in Minnesota*. Retrieved from: childtrends.org/publications/provider-perceptions-of-the-child-care-assistance-program-in-minnesota

White Earth Nation: Child Care Assistance Program impact

White Earth Nation administers the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) for Tribal members in Mahnommen, Becker and Clearwater counties.¹ Historic investments passed by the legislature enabled CCAP rates to increase to the 75th percentile of the most recent [Market Rate Survey](#), resulting in increases for 90% of reimbursement rates. These investments also impacted Basic Sliding Fee CCAP, expanding access to an estimated 500 additional families statewide and permanently reprioritizing the Basic Sliding Fee waitlist to expedite access to families.

White Earth Nation child care assistance impact in state fiscal year 2023

Families and workforce	Children	Small businesses	Equity
<p>20 families served so that they have child care while they work or go to school. This increases the number of adults in the workforce and helps them maintain steady employment.</p>	<p>32 children served, including 15 in high-quality child care, essential for child brain development. Research shows that subsidies increase the use of high-quality child care in both urban and rural settings.</p>	<p>Reimbursed and provided stable income to small businesses, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 family child care providers • 5 child care centers 	<p>CCAP reduces disparities by increasing earnings for families with low incomes. It also helps promote access to high-quality and culturally specific care to children who otherwise may not receive it.²</p>

What parents are saying³

- “I would not be able to work without the child care financial assistance. It would not financially make sense for me to work if I had to pay the complete costs of tuition. The financial assistance has allowed me to work and work hard toward building a better life for my children and I.”
- “(Child care assistance)...allowed me to enroll my child in a center that offers languages and other enrichment activities that he may not be offered in another care center.”
- “I was able to go back to school and pursue a nursing degree while my children go to daycare.”

¹ Counts are based on providers who received a payment from White Earth Nation as their Financially Responsible Agency, and families/children who had a payment made on their behalf from White Earth Nation.

² See page seven of the 2023 CCAP Family Profile for race/ethnicity data: edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfsrserver/Public/DHS-6664k-ENG

³ Child Trends (2023). *Provider Perceptions of the Child Care Assistance Program in Minnesota*. Retrieved from: childtrends.org/publications/provider-perceptions-of-the-child-care-assistance-program-in-minnesota