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TO: Ellen C. Wheatley, Ph.D. Acting Director-(Office of Child Care)

I, Tracy Dore, administrator of CCDF funds, am writing on behalf of the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Indian Township; please find our preliminary plans in **BOLD** for using the CRRSA Funds.

Direct Child Care Services (Subsidies)

- Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to provide direct childcare services, including childcare subsidy assistance to health care sector employees, emergency responders, sanitation workers, farm and other food service workers, and/or other workers deemed essential or frontline during the response to coronavirus? If yes, describe.
 - **Our department plans to support direct services to essential workers, ie, EMS, Medical health providers, Tribal employees who are crucial workers.**

Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

- Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to provide resources, supplies, and/or technical assistance to childcare providers to support the implementation of health and safety practices and policies in line with guidance from State and local health departments and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)? If yes, describe.
 - **Our department plans to provide cleaning supplies and/or protective equipment for childcare providers. Either by supplying them ourselves or reimbursing them for the cost.**

Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

- Does the lead agency plan to use CRRSA funds to support the stability of the child care sector to help child care providers (program facilities and workforce) pay for increased operating expenses during the COVID-19 public health emergency? If yes, describe.
 - **Our department plans to provide sustainability grants to providers (based on providers having reduced enrollment or losing revenue for various reasons)**

Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

- As required in CRRSA, how does the lead agency plan to use a portion of funds appropriated in CRRSA to provide assistance to CCDF-eligible childcare providers not participating in the subsidy system prior to the COVID-19 public health emergency?
 - **Our department plans to reach out to providers that we do not currently support to see if we can help them in any way.**

Other

- Does the lead agency plan to use a portion of CRRSA child care funds for any other activities or assistance not described above? If yes, describe.

***WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING FORTH ANY IDEAS THAT COME TO US IN THE COMING MONTHS.**

*Gratitude,
Tracy Dore ~ Director*

-Child and Family Services joins with the tribal families and their community to promote long-term safety, well-being, and permanent families for our children. This practice model guides our work with children and their families.