



WHAT IS TITLE IV-B?

Title IV-B of the Social Security Act is a child welfare funding stream available to federally recognized tribes, tribal organizations, tribal consortia, and states. Operated by the Children's Bureau, an office of the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), this funding can enhance tribal child welfare service capacity. **Title IV-B fits well with tribal family engagement practices as it is designed around prevention and early intervention.** The Children's Bureau acknowledges that tribal values and culture may require changes to the way they interpret certain terms, such as adoption, and are mindful that some tribes do not believe in terminating parental rights.



Title IV-B is comprised of two subparts:

Subpart 1: Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program aims to keep families together by supporting preventive intervention, alternative placements, and reunification efforts. In FY2016, 179 tribes, tribal organizations, or tribal consortia received a total of \$6,437,417 in Title IV-B, Subpart 1 funding. Funding levels varied from a low of \$651 to a high of \$930,302.

Subpart 2: Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program provides funding for services that address family support, family preservation, time-limited family reunification, and adoption. Subpart 2 funding is only available to tribes large enough to garner a minimum of \$10,000. In FY2016, 130 tribes, tribal organizations, or tribal consortia received a total of \$10,320,750 in Title IV-B, Subpart 2 funding. Funding levels varied from a low of \$10,225 to a high of \$1,546,523.

WHY CONSIDER TITLE IV-B FUNDS?



Title IV-B can be a small but very important component in child welfare programming. When determining whether or not to apply for Title IV-B funding, tribes are encouraged to consider the following:

- A tribe must be receiving Title IV-B funds in order to operate a direct Title IV-E program. Title IV-E of the Social Security Act provides matching funds to tribes and states for foster care, transitional independent living programs for children, guardianship assistance, and adoption assistance for children with special needs. There are [different ways to access Title IV-E funding](#) but only the tribes that choose to apply directly (rather than through a tribal-state partnership) must apply for Title IV-B, Subpart 1 funding. For more information, [visit the online tutorial: What is Title IV-E?](#)
- Tribes receiving Title IV-B funds are eligible to receive additional technical assistance from the Children's Bureau and its grantees, such as the Capacity Building Center for Tribes.

- [Application and reporting templates](#) are available to help streamline the process and reduce the burden these requirements place on tribes.
- Regional Offices of the Children’s Bureau have child welfare specialists available to assist tribes in program development and management.
- By applying as part of a consortium, tribes can share the application and reporting requirements.

Note: Planning is done on a five-year cycle. Tribes that wish to apply for funding in the middle of a cycle may do so, but are encouraged to contact their [Regional Child Welfare Program Manager](#) for specific requirements.

FUNDING AMOUNT



The amount of funding a tribe can receive is formula-based and dependent on the population of children and youth under the age of 21. The ACF allocates funds based on Census Bureau population data but recognizes that this data might not be accurate and has allowed tribes to submit a form, certified by their tribal president/chairperson and the tribal enrollment officer, providing an alternative count. [Program Instructions \(PI-15-10\)](#) provide more information on the specific amount of funding allotted to individual tribes under Title IV-B and instructions on how tribes can self-certify their own population counts.

REQUIREMENTS



- **Child and Family Services Plan (CFSP)**
To receive funding, the tribe/consortium must have an approved Child and Family Services Plan (CFSP). The CFSP is a five-year strategic plan that sets forth the framework for a continuum of services that are coordinated, integrated, culturally relevant, and child and family-focused. There is an optional template for tribes to use in developing their plans. ACF publishes annual updates and instructions for completing CFSPs.
- **Annual Reporting**
Tribes receiving Title IV-B funding are required to submit progress reports on an annual basis. This Annual Progress and Services Report (APSR) must address the progress made for the previous year as well as the planned activities for the upcoming year. The report consists of a narrative and the appropriate budget forms (CFS-101, Parts I, II, and III). The tribal finance office must also submit annual expenditure reports.
- **Funding Match**
Tribes are required to match Title IV-B dollars at 25% of the total program costs (including the combined federal and non-federal share, which equals one-third of the federal amount awarded). An online [Match Calculator](#) can help determine the required amount.

[Visit the Tribal Toolkit](#) for federal guidance and information designed to help tribes develop CFSPs and APSRs.

If you'd like to explore Title IV-B further contact your federal [Regional Office Program Manager](#).