



First Children First Nations Child Care Collaborative

First Children's Finance (FCF) and Indigenous Visioning (IV) have partnered to create the First Children, First Nations Child Care Collaborative (FCFN) and launch an innovative community engagement process designed to increase the supply of high quality, affordable culturally relevant child care in tribal communities. The purpose of consultation is to guide communities in identifying the scope and size of their child care challenges, and to empower and support tribal communities to develop local solutions to address these challenges.

Strengthen existing early care and education businesses, ensuring that children have continuity of care that prepares them for success in school and beyond

Expand the availability of quality culturally relevant child care by creating new and innovative community solutions

Increase the public awareness of early care and education's role in healthy communities

The outcome of the FCFN community engagement process is to develop right-sized solutions to increase the supply of high quality affordable child care in sovereign native nations and tribal communities. Tribal communities who engage with FCFN for community consultation services will experience: 1) an increase of child care slots and, 2) increased sustainability of child care and early education programs in the community.

The FCFN Child Care Collaboration provides tribal community consultation through a successful process that starts with an application and orientation process that then leads to a discovery and Implementation phase to help create a core team that will implement solutions identified in the Tribal Community Solution Action Plan. FCFN provides technical assistance, implementation support, and coaching to provide support for ongoing capacity-building and innovation activities, and support in implementing a Community Action Plan. Participating tribal communities are welcomed into a national Learning Network of Tribal Communities who share findings and learnings. Indigenous Core Team members have access to quarterly webinars and special events highlighting innovative solutions to deepen the shared knowledge of the network. Throughout the community engagement process, FCFN documents case studies of successful business models. This information is distributed via our websites, community events, the Learning Network of Tribal Communities webinars, and convening events.

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