

Request for Information:  
*Meeting the Child Care  
Needs in Tribal Nations*

Listening Session for  
**Families & Providers**

October 25, 2023

ADMINISTRATION FOR  
**CHILDREN & FAMILIES**  
Early Childhood Development

 Office of Child Care



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# WHAT IS A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION?







**Request for Information (RFI):**  
*Formal process to gather public  
comments on policy and  
program questions*

- ✓ Allows for dialogue
- ✓ Information gathered will be shared publicly
- ✓ Many opportunities to provide feedback
- ✓ Extended comment period
- ✓ Tribal Consultation Nov. 29-30, 2023 (*in person*)

# POSSIBLE IMPACTS

*How might the RFI inform CCDF policies or requirements for Tribal Nations?*

-  Regulations through a future NPRM
-  Subregulatory guidance such as **Program Instructions** and **Information Memoranda**
-  Changes to **Information Collections**, such as plan questions and reporting questions
-  **Technical assistance** such as national webinars and tailored or individualized support



# Next Steps for Feedback Received



OCC will create a **report** from today's session and add it as a **supplemental docket** to the RFI on [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov)



**All feedback** received through the RFI process will be considered **equally** toward improving Tribal CCDF programming and processes



If we run out of time for any feedback you'd like to share, submit on [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) or through **OCC's Tribal mailbox** ([OCC Tribal@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:OCC Tribal@acf.hhs.gov)) by January 2, 2024

# WHERE CAN I FIND THE TRIBAL RFI?

- The RFI is available at:  
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/07/27/2023-15930/request-for-information-meeting-the-child-care-needs-in-tribal-nations>
- All RFI resources are posted at:  
<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ/outreach-material/rfi-meeting-child-care-needs-tribal-nations>
- RFI Fact Sheet:  
<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ/fact-sheet/request-information-fact-sheet-meeting-child-care-needs-tribal-nations>
- New Plain Language Summaries:  
<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/occ/policy-guidance/tribal-request-information-plain-language-summary-1>

The screenshot displays the Federal Register website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Sections', 'Browse', 'Search', 'Reader Aids', and 'My FR'. The main header features the 'FEDERAL REGISTER' logo and the text 'The Daily Journal of the United States Government'. Below this, a blue banner indicates 'Proposed Rule'. The title of the RFI is 'Request for Information: Meeting the Child Care Needs in Tribal Nations', with a subtitle 'A Proposed Rule by the Children and Families Administration on 07/27/2023'. A green button labeled 'SUBMIT A FORMAL COMMENT' is visible, along with a note that '1 comments received. View posted comments'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled 'PUBLISHED DOCUMENT', contains sections for 'AGENCY:' (Office of Child Care (OCC), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)), 'ACTION:' (Request for information), 'SUMMARY:' (The Office of Child Care invites public comment on the rules and regulations of the Tribally administered Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) program as part of the Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) commitment to creating partnerships with Tribal Nations to identify and implement solutions that transcend traditional program boundaries. As part of that commitment, OCC seeks input on the requirements, regulations, and processes for Tribal Nations that administer CCDF. This Request for Information (RFI) specifically seeks public comment on the following topics of the Tribal child care program—CCDF Funding Policies for Tribes, CCDF Administration, Improving Families' Access to Child Care, and Increasing Child Care Supply in Tribal Communities—but input on any aspect of the Tribally administered CCDF program is welcome. OCC will host a Tribal consultation during the RFI public comment period.), and 'DATES:' (To be considered, public comments must be received electronically no later than January 2, 2024.). The right column, titled 'DOCUMENT DETAILS', provides additional information: 'Printed version: PDF', 'Publication Date: 07/27/2023', 'Agencies: Administration for Children and Families', 'Dates: To be considered, public comments must be received electronically no later than January 2, 2024.', 'Comments Close: 01/02/2024', 'Document Type: Proposed Rule', 'Document Citation: 88 FR 48409', 'Page: 48409-48414 (6 pages)', 'CFR: 45 CFR 98', and 'Document Number: 2023-15930'.

The Tribal RFI seeks feedback on whether the current CCDF requirements meet the needs of Tribal Nations, children, and families:



### CCDF Funding

- ✓ A1. Child Count
- ✓ A2. Consortia
- ✓ A3. Service Area
- ✓ B. Allocation size and tiered requirements
- ✓ C. CCDF Plan
- ✓ D. Discretionary Base Amount



### CCDF Administration

- ✓ E. Early Childhood Systems Coordination
- ✓ F1-3. Spending Requirements
- ✓ G. Construction
- ✓ H. Deadlines
- ✓ I. Reporting
- ✓ J. Quality Activities
- ✓ K. State System Impacts on Tribal sovereignty



### Increasing Family Access

- ✓ L. Consumer Education
- ✓ M. Eligibility



### Building Supply

- ✓ N1. Early Childhood Workforce Compensation
- ✓ N2. Early Childhood Workforce Qualifications
- ✓ O. Eligible Providers
- ✓ P. Background Checks
- ✓ Q. Other\*



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Request For Information Breakout Instructions



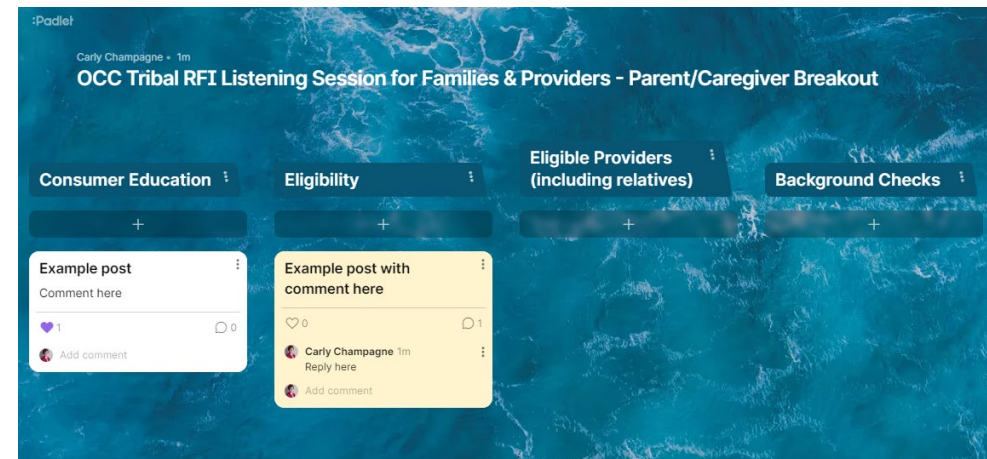
# *We facilitate, you choose how to participate!*

Share comments in breakout rooms verbally and/or in Padlet

## Breakout Rooms

- **Parents and caregivers** should join the “**Families**” breakout room
- **Child care providers** should join the “**Providers**” breakout room
- **Support** provided in main room as needed
- At the end, **return to the main room** for next steps & resources

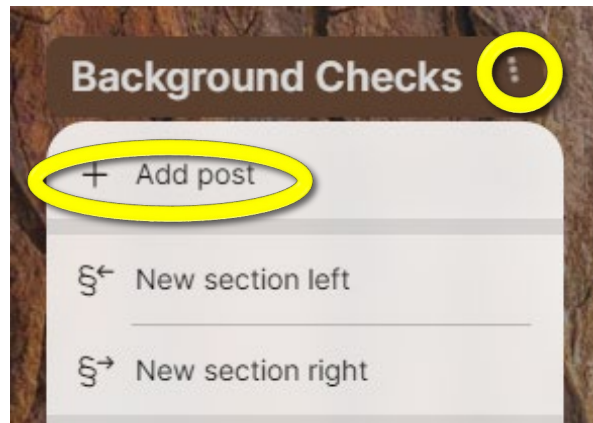
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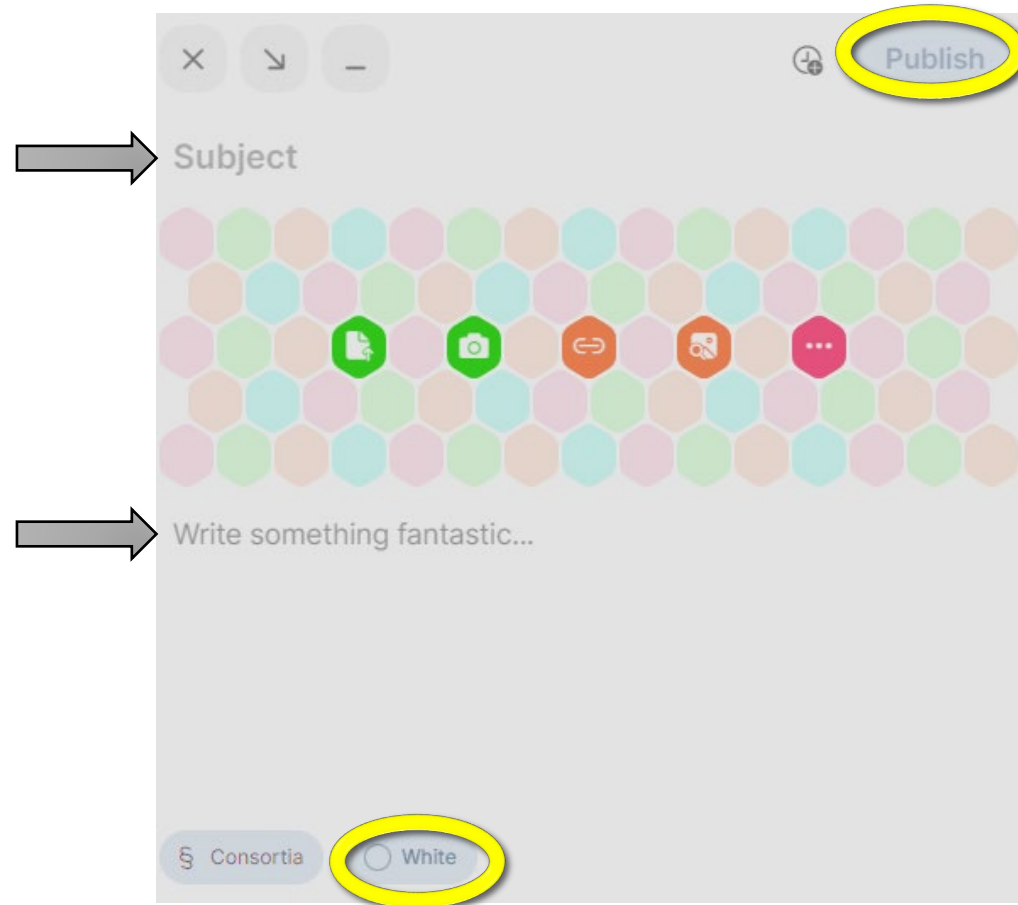
- Organized by **sub-topic area**
- Submit feedback through “**posts**” (anonymously if you’d like)
- **View others'** posts simultaneously
- Come off mute to **share verbally** if you prefer

# POSTING ON PADLET

**Step #1:** Choose the topic you want to post feedback, click the three dots and then “Add Post”



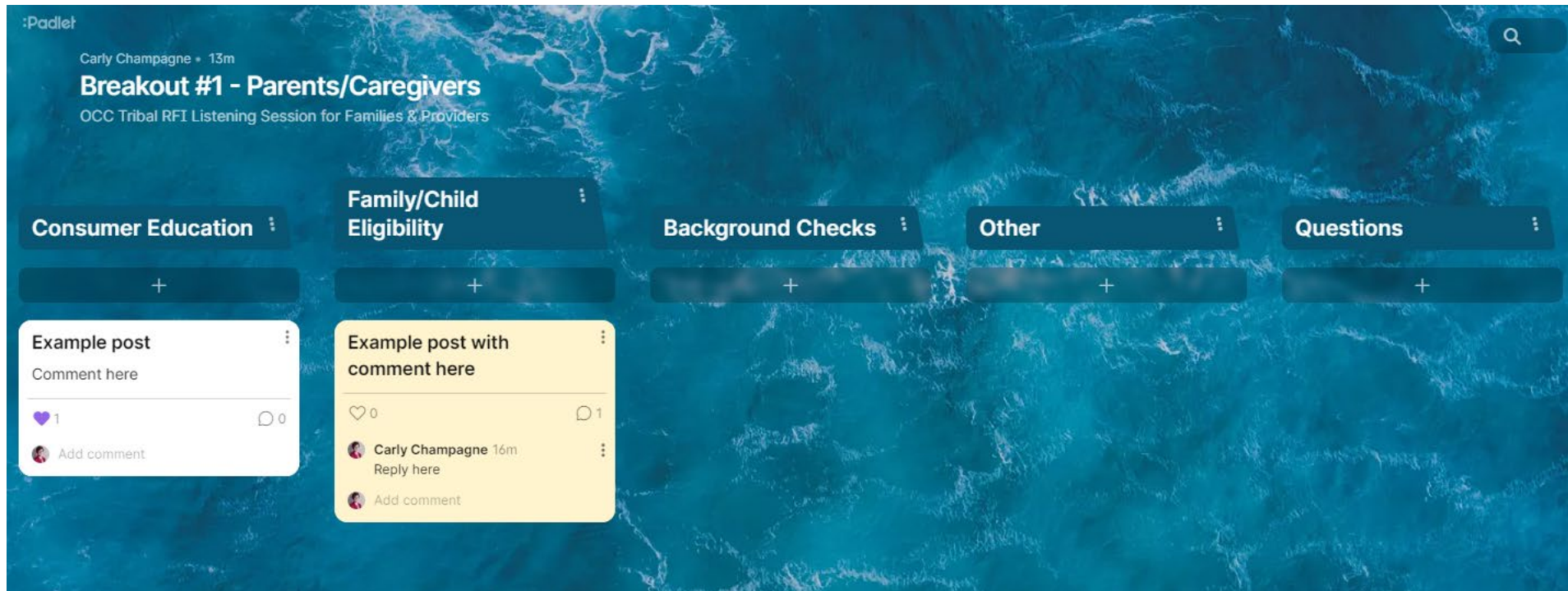
**Step #2:** Write and publish your comment



*Optional:*

- Sub-topic heading
- Name / Organization / Tribal Nation
- Links/attachments
- Change the color

# POSTING ON PADLET



## Need to edit your comment?

- You can edit the text
- You can delete the comment and write a new one in another section

## Agree with someone's comment?

- Click the thumbs up icon to “like” another comment
- Write a reply to another comment

## Topic not listed?

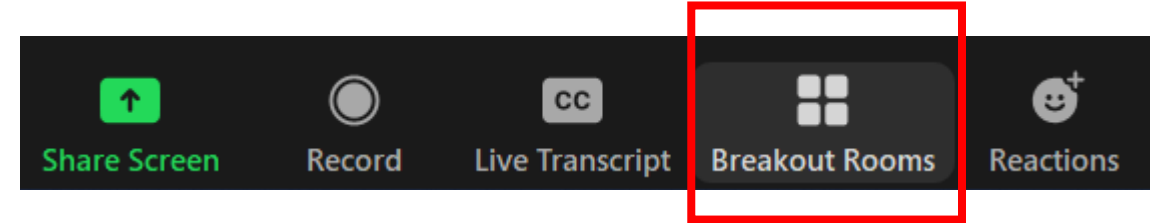
- Enter a comment under the “Other” tab

## Have a question, but no comment?

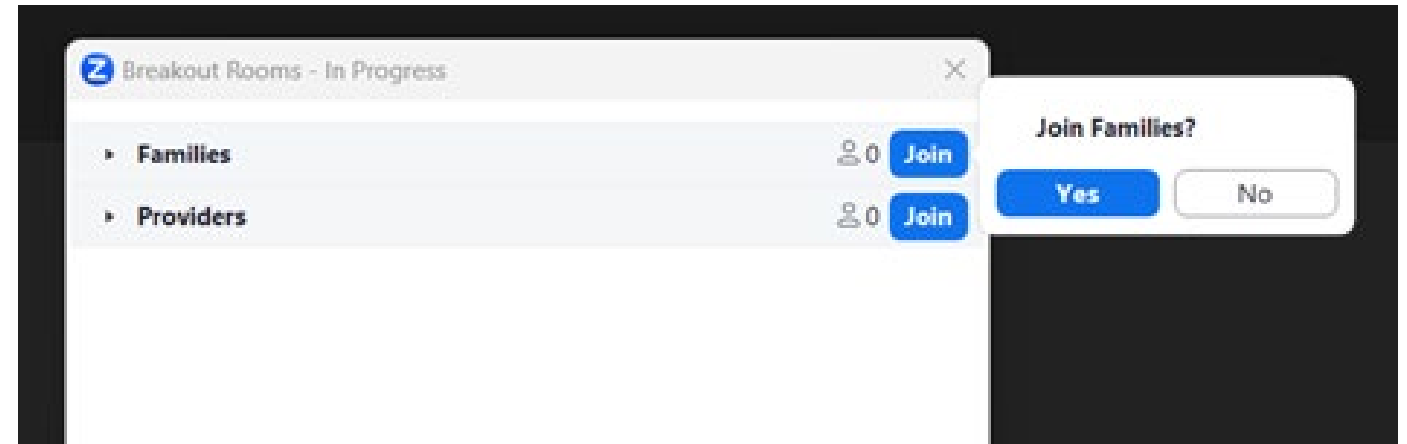
- Ask the facilitator
- Add post in the “question” section

# BREAKOUT ROOM ACCESS

1. To select a breakout room, click on the **Breakout Room** icon at the bottom of the screen.

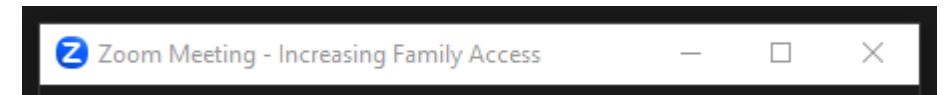


2. The breakout room options appears. Select a room of your choice and click the blue **Join** button.

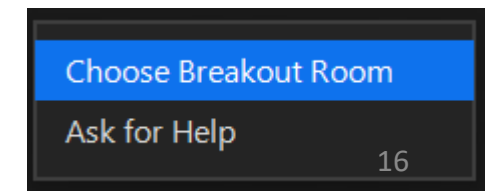


3. To confirm, click the blue **Yes** button.

4. The top right title displays the name of the room you're in.



*If you would like to switch rooms, select the **Breakout Room** icon and select **Choose Breakout Room**. If you need help, select **Ask for Help**.*







## Next Steps & Resources





# SUBMITTING RFI COMMENTS

- Today's feedback will be included as a **supplemental report** to the RFI
- Comments can also be submitted through the [Federal Register](#) website or emailed to [OCCTribal@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:OCCTribal@acf.hhs.gov)
- Comments must identify the agency – **ACF**, and docket number - **ACF-2023-0004**
- To ensure we can effectively address the comment(s), **clearly identify the topical area** relevant to the comment. **Please provide:**
  - ✓ Page number;
  - ✓ Identify the column; and
  - ✓ Cite the relevant topic and/or question from the Federal Register document, (e.g., On page 48411, third column, A1. Tribal Count).





# Tribal Consultation



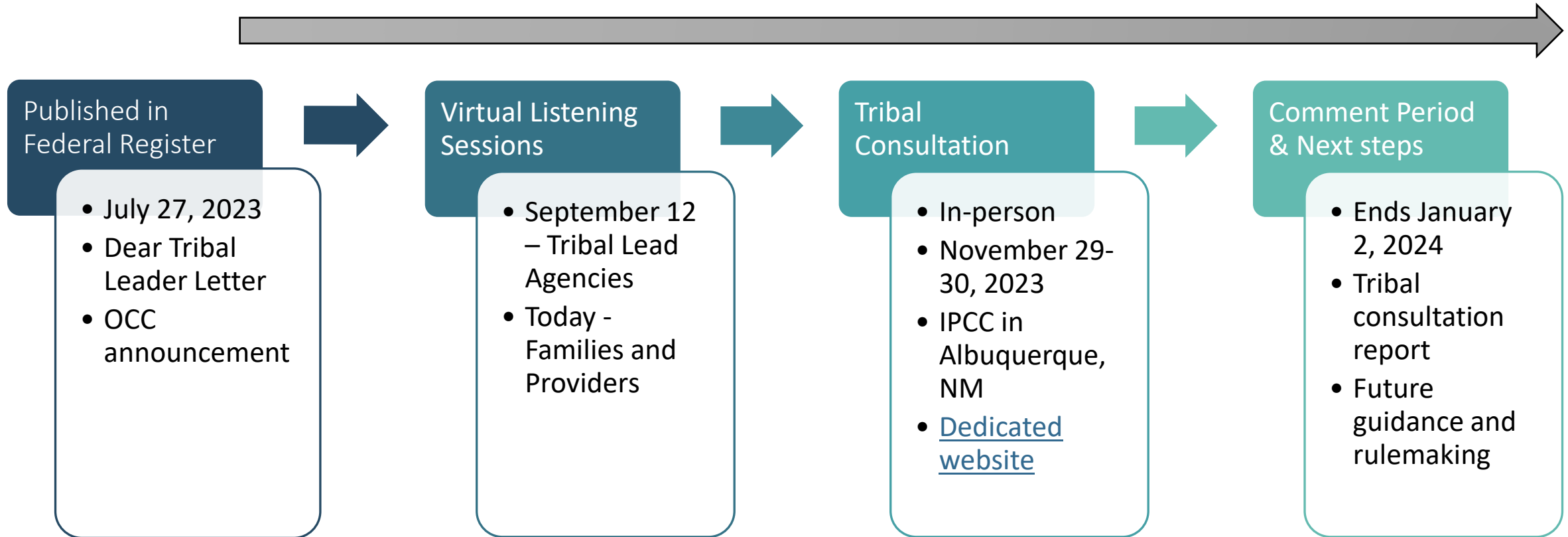
**November 29-30, 2023**

[Indian Pueblo Cultural Center](#)

Albuquerque, NM

# Tribal RFI Timeline

Public comments submitted & posted on Regulations.gov through Jan 2, 2024







Thank you!