

For more information you can:

1. Talk to CSFS. Speak with a Resource Worker, ask questions, and discuss what is best for you and your family.

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2. Talk with the BC Federation of Foster Parents Association and/or Federation of Aboriginal Foster Parents. These two resources are great for support.

BCFFPA (800) 663-9999

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3. Talk with other caregivers in your community and/or a Family Care Worker. Who knows better other than another caregiver?

**FOSTERING IS A SPECIAL JOB
FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE, ARE
YOU ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE?**

IT TAKES A COMMUNITY TO RAISE A CHILD... WHERE DO YOU FIT IN?

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CARRIER SEKANI FAMILY SERVICES



FAMILY CARE HOME PROGRAM

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(someone who takes care of children)

HOW DO I START FOSTERING?

A lot of consideration needs to be given prior to fostering. A resource social worker is available to answer your questions and give you information.

First, you need to complete an application form; a criminal record check, a questionnaire to your family physician, and three references are required.

The Resource Worker will assess all information received; each family is unique and have different histories. We consider what the “life experiences” are within each family, and see if fostering is right for you.

Home visits—the Resource Worker will interview you and your family to assess your parenting capabilities, life history, knowledge of fostering, and First Nations history.

WHAT KIND OF CARE IS AVAILABLE?

There are options available on what kind of care a family can provide. The types of Family Care Homes are: Regular, Restricted, and Specialized (Level I, II, and III). Children are placed in homes that best suit their needs.

WHAT ABOUT THE MINISTRY?

The Ministry are still responsible for the safety and well-being of children-in-care under the *Child, Family and Community Services Act*.

Carrier Sekani Family Services works with MCFD in placing children into resources. It is imperative that all involved work together as a team to make the best decision possible on behalf of the child.

DID YOU KNOW...

+50% of children-in-care in BC are Aboriginal

-5% of Family Care Homes are Aboriginal.

We need to review these statistics and be aware of the importance in developing more traditional settings for children.

WHAT SUPPORTS ARE AVAILABLE?

Carrier Sekani Family Services encourages Family Care Homes to get all the support they can. Fostering can be demanding and stressful. Your best resources are other experienced Caregivers, the British Columbia Federation of Foster Parents Association, Federation of Aboriginal Foster Parents, and your Resource Social Worker.

WHY DO CHILDREN COME INTO CARE?

Family Care Homes provide substitute parenting for children who cannot safely stay with their family, whose families have asked for help with parenting during these times of crisis, or whose families need specific or periodic help in caring for their children.

The *Child, Family and Community Services Act* applies: when a parent is unable to look after a child and signs an agreement for care with MCFD; or when a child is removed from a parent because the child needs protection.

WHAT KIND OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE?

The Family Care Rate covers regular on-going costs of raising a child. Family Care Homes are expected to budget the family care payment to meet the child's needs. Supplementary supports are available when the service requirements of the child-in-care are beyond regular expectations. No Family Care Home should ever be out of pocket in caring for children. You can speak to a Resource Worker for more information.