

DID YOU KNOW...

- ◆ **Over 50%** of children-in-care in BC are Aboriginal
- ◆ **Less than 5%** of Family Care Homes are Aboriginal

In seeing these statistics we all need to be aware of the importance in developing more traditional settings for children to live in and receive care in.



**It takes a community to raise a child...
where do you fit in?**

For more information you can contact:

- ◆ A CSFS resources worker, who will answer your questions & discuss what is best for you and your family
- ◆ Speak with caregivers & care workers in your community. Who knows better than others who provide care?
- ◆ Speak with the:



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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:

- ☐ application form
- ☐ criminal record check
- ☐ questionnaire by your family physician
- ☐ provide 3 references

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



WHO CAN BECOME A FOSTER PARENT?

Foster parents are people who come from many different backgrounds and with many different life experiences. They may be:

- ◆ Families
- ◆ Relatives of children in care
- ◆ People who are single
- ◆ People in common law relationships
- ◆ People in same sex relationships
- ◆ People who rent their homes
- ◆ People who own their homes
- ◆ People who are committed to providing care to children and youth

WHAT ABOUT THE MINISTRY?

The Ministry of Children & Family Development is 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 (homes). It is important that everyone involved works together as a team to make the best decisions possible on behalf of the child.



WHAT SUPPORTS ARE AVAILABLE?

Carrier Sekani Family Services encourages Family Care Homes to get all the support they can; fostering can be demanding. 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. CSFS offers:

- ◆ Training to all of its Foster Parents
- ◆ Referrals to behavioural consultants who provide strategies & support to Foster Parents
- ◆ Referrals to Parent/Teen Mediation for Foster Parents



Fostering is a special job for special people, are you one of those people?



WHY DO CHILDREN COME INTO CARE?

Family Care Homes provide substitute parenting for children 0-19 years old 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.



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. You can speak to a Resource Worker for more information.