

Aboriginal children need homes now...

Children and youth who are connected to their families, communities and cultures do better as adults.

When Aboriginal children need to be away from their families, it is important for them to be with a family and caregivers willing to work to keep them connected to their roots.

We look to our foster parents to fulfill this role, and to be a supportive, consistent caregiver in our children's lives.

Being a caregiver is a challenging job with many rewards. Caregivers play a very important role in our families, and in the wellbeing of our communities and Nations.

We are always in need of caregivers and of Aboriginal families willing to open their hearts and their homes to an Aboriginal child.



Provincial Aboriginal Caregiver Recruitment logo
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Surrounded By Cedar Child and Family Services (SCCFS) is located on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples of southern Vancouver Island. Our agency is a dream come true for many Aboriginal people living in Victoria. For many years, Aboriginal people have worked together to build a better future for those who will come after us.

Our vision is of healthy children who will grow up connected to their families, communities and culture. We will work together toward the day all children and families have the skills, knowledge, education and support to ensure their children and their children's children will not enter the child welfare or justice systems.

Our mandate is to provide child and family services rooted in cultural values and beliefs to restore and enhance the strength and resiliency in the Urban Aboriginal community,

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ABORIGINAL
CAREGIVERS**

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WELCOME

We recognize that all parents want to provide the best care for their children, but at times this is not possible without support.

Family Care Homes provide safety and care to Aboriginal children and youth while they are away from their parents. Many Aboriginal community members already provide this type of care to Aboriginal children and youth. This has always been our way.

Becoming a foster parent is a way to extend our hearts and homes to other Aboriginal children in community. As a foster parent, you and the child in your home will receive supports. You are part of the caregiver community here in Victoria.

There are many different ways you can provide support and care to these children and youth—long term or short, adoption, emergency and relief.

Find out about how you can support Aboriginal children today!



INFORMATION SESSIONS

Monthly Caregiver Information Sessions will be offered in groups to those interested in becoming a Family Care Home, or who have questions, concerns or ideas about the fostering application process. Please contact our office directly to find out when the next session will be held in your area.

If monthly sessions are not offered at that time, we also offer one-to-one information sessions, where you will meet with a resource worker to discuss fostering more personally. Please contact our **Resource Worker** to arrange a personal meeting time that works for you.

APPLICATION PROCESS

In the application process you will be asked to:

- ◆ Complete an Intake and questionnaire
- ◆ Complete an application package
- ◆ Provide 3 references and a medical report
- ◆ Complete a criminal record check
- ◆ Attend a Pre-Service Orientation
- ◆ Participate in discussions with a worker, along with other family members living in your home

WHO CAN BECOME A FAMILY CARE PROVIDER?

Anyone who is 19 years or older, who wants to share their home, and is committed to support Aboriginal children and keep them connected to their heritage and families. Your financial status will not impact your ability to support a foster child—you will receive funds to cover these costs.

Want to know more? Take the first step in your journey to make a difference in the lives of our Aboriginal children...and call today!

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Other Sources of Support

Foster Parent Support Services Society
Victoria, BC
www.fpsss.com

Federation of Aboriginal Foster Parents
www.fafp.ca