

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.

Being a care provider 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.

Did you know that in Victoria...

- ◆ There are over 200 Urban Aboriginal and Métis children in foster care representing 54 different nations?
- ◆ Of the current 350 approved care homes, only 30 are Aboriginal or Métis?



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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**WE NEED
FAMILY
CARE
HOMES**

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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. We are aware that many community members already provide this type of care to Urban Aboriginal children and youth. This is an opportunity to register, and to receive the supports and resources necessary for you to do this work.

Surrounded By Cedar Child and Family Services is seeking community members to provide Family Care Homes to Urban Aboriginal children and youth in the care of the Director.

There are many different ways you can provide support and care to these children and youth.

Find out more about how to register as a Family Care Home today!



INFORMATION SESSIONS

Monthly Caregiver Information Sessions are offered to those interested in becoming a Family Care Home, or that have questions, concerns or ideas about this process.

These sessions are held the **last Monday of every month**. Light refreshments and meals are provided. Bus tickets are available, but you must request these ahead of time.

Locations and times vary from month to month. Please contact our **Resource Worker** for more details, or if you would like to host one of these gatherings in your home.

APPLICATION PROCESS

In the application process you will be asked to:

- ◆ Attend an Information Session
- ◆ Complete an application package
- ◆ Provide 3 references and a medical report
- ◆ Complete a criminal record check
- ◆ Attend a Pre-Service Orientation
- ◆ Participate in a series of discussions, 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 life with an Urban Aboriginal child or youth can apply to become a Family Care Home.

Take the first step in your journey to make a difference in the lives of our Aboriginal children and families.



Other Sources of Support

Foster Parent Support Services Society
101—814 Goldstream Ave, Victoria, BC
Phone: 250.598.1500
Fax: 250.598.8810
www.fpsss.com

Federation of Aboriginal Foster Parents
3455 Kaslo Street, Vancouver, BC
Phone: 604.291.7091
Fax: 604.291.7098
Toll Free: 1-866-291-7091
www.fafp.ca