



## LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

The Agency has certain requirements they must meet in order to ensure the child is in a safe and secure environment

## COMPLETE AN APPLICATION FORM:

- Criminal Record Check on adults living in the home.
- Child Abuse Registry Check on all adults living in the home.
- Prior Contact Check with all Child and Family Service Agencies for all adults living in the home.
- Medical Checks for all applicants.
- Physical Requirements Checklist.
- Four written references or approval from the local CFS committee.

Completed and approved Foster Home Study

## WHERE TO APPLY

If you believe you have the time and commitment to be foster parents, contact your nearest DOCFS office. The foster care worker will explain the foster parents program and process to you in detail and answer any questions you have. There is a list on the back of the pamphlet of all our offices.

## Dakota Ojibway Child & Family Services

Administration Office: Forest Hills - Swan Lake 7A  
Box 310, Carberry, Manitoba R0K 0H0  
Ph: 1-204-834-2323 Fax: 1-204-834-2306  
Toll Free: 1-877-508-8289

### Sub Offices:

#### COMMUNITIES

##### Birdtail Sioux DOCFS

General Delivery, Beulah, MB R0M 0B0  
PH: 204-568-4559 Toll Free: 1-866-839-5248

##### Canupawakpa DOCFS

Box 2169, Virden, MB R0M 2C0  
PH: 204-854-2920 Toll Free: 1-866-839-5283

##### Roseau River DOCFS

Box 205, Ginew, MB R0A 2R0  
PH: 204-427-2770 Toll Free: 1-866-839-5313

##### Swan Lake DOCFS

Box 370, Swan Lake, MB R0G 2S0  
PH: 204-836-2503 Toll Free: 1-866-839-5335

##### Dakota Plains

Box 1115, Portage La Prairie, MB R1N 3C5  
PH: 204-252-2877 Toll Free: 1-866-220-7657

##### Dakota Tipi

2010 Dakota Dr, Dakota Tipi R1N 3X6  
PH: 204-856-0428 Toll Free: 1-866-357-4416

#### URBAN

##### Brandon DOCFS

702 Douglas St., Brandon, MB R7A 7B2  
PH: 204-729-3650 Toll Free: 1-855-472-6825

##### Portage la Prairie DOCFS

102 Saskatchewan Avenue E, Portage La Prairie, MB R1N 0L1  
PH: 204-856-5570 Toll Free: 1-866-839-5344

##### Winnipeg DOCFS

1150 Fife Street, Winnipeg, MB R2X 2Z6  
PH: 204-988-9230 Toll Free: 1-866-353-9323



## Foster Care

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emergency care for a day or two, while others require longer term care, ranging from a few weeks to several years. In some cases, children may be placed in permanent foster care until they are ready to go out on their own.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Foster parents receive a daily allowance to assist in caring for the child. DOCSF follows the Provincial Chart of Accounts which details what is covered in the daily rate.

Other expenses, such as registration for sports, recreational or other activities are considered on a case by case basis.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO BECOME A FOSTER PARENT?

Couples or single people with or without children can apply to become licensed foster families as long as you have the space, the dedication and an understanding of the needs for a child to have connections to their communities and cultural backgrounds.

## ROLE OF THE FOSTER PARENT

In order to meet the child's needs, the foster parent is to provide the following:

- Physical care
- Emotional care
- Educational care
- Spiritual / cultural needs
- Recreational / social needs
- Connection to their family and / or community
- Assist in preparation for transition / moves

## AGENCY PHILOSOPHY

Dakota Ojibway Child and Family Services has a responsibility to ensure that all children placed in foster care are provided with a safe and loving environment, which meets the child's emotional, mental, physical, educational, social, cultural and spiritual needs.

The agency encourages placement with extended family but where that is not possible will make every effort to place within their home community or with a First Nation family.

The recognition of the child's cultural heritage is of utmost importance and will be considered when placing a child.

## WHAT IS FOSTER CARE?

- Foster care is providing a temporary loving home for a child who has been separated from his/her natural family.
- Foster care is accepting a child as part of your family.
- Foster care is respecting a child's feelings, beliefs and cultural background.

## WHO ARE FOSTER CHILDREN?

Foster children usually resides in or originate from one of the Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council communities and range in age from newborn to seventeen (17) years of age.

Children may require foster care for a number of reasons. It may be because their natural family is experiencing difficulties or because they have been abused, neglected or abandoned.

Some foster children have special needs because of a physical disability or emotional problems that may require more care and attention than their natural family can provide.

Adolescent children often come into care because their parents are unable to deal with many of the behaviour issues that arise during the teen years.

## HOW LONG WILL THE FOSTER CHILDREN STAY?

How long children stay in care is dependent on their particular circumstances. Some children require