



Lac La Ronge Indian Band

Child & Family Services Agency Inc.

Foster Care Information

HOW LONG WILL FOSTER CHILDREN STAY?

It depends on the needs of the children and their family.

- Emergency Care: up to 15 days
- Safe Home: overnight to 48 hours
- Short Term: 3-6 Months
- Long Term: 1-2 Years

Some foster children may remain with their foster families until the age of 18 (permanent care). Often these relationships continue for a lifetime without any Agency involvement.

RANGE OF ACCEPTANCE

Foster Families are able to select their own range of acceptance based on their present lifestyle. These include:

- Age group
- Sex: male or female
- Number of Children
- Emergency: Short or Long Term

THE GOAL OF FOSTER CARE

To provide a safe, secure, nurturing home for the children in cases of ICFS. In most cases, this arrangement is temporary and allows the parents to seek assistance in making healthy lifestyle changes. In some cases, where the parents are unable to make these changes, the child may stay in care permanently (to age 18). The Family Service Worker, along with the Foster Care Worker and Foster Parents, would then ensure the child's normal development through permanency planning.

The Process:

- Complete application
- Home Study – Questionnaire
- Criminal Record Check
- Child Abuse Record Check
- Review by Foster Care Worker
- Pre-Service Training (24 hours)
- Final approval by ICFS Agency Director

FINANCIAL HELP

All Foster Parents receive a maintenance allowance for the care of the child/ren along with additional funds for the child/ren's clothing, spending allowance and school supplies. All the child/ren's medical and dental needs are covered. The Foster Parents, however, are responsible for providing the basic necessities such as: bedroom furniture, bedding and adequate bedroom space. All maintenance paid out for the care of the child is not considered earned income and would not affect Foster Parents receiving Social Assistance.

As part of the ICFS Team, all Foster Parents receive continued support from their Foster Care Worker and the Community Family Service Worker – Lac La Ronge Indian Band Child & Family Services Agency Inc.