

How We Will Support You as Foster Parents...

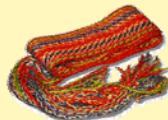
We believe becoming a foster parent is an extremely rewarding yet challenging way to give back to the community. In an effort to provide the information, education, and support that we believe alternative caregivers require we have developed the following supports:

- Orientation to our Foster Care Program
- Cultural orientation to enhance cultural sensitivity
- Training to address specific behavioral difficulties
- Ongoing support and supervision through our Resource Development workers
- An ongoing commitment to develop programs for both our children in care, their families, and their foster parents to improve the experience and support for all

Foster Care Arrangements...

We believe in the involvement of family and community in providing care to children and their families. The following are Foster arrangements based on this belief:

- Extended family / Kinship placements
- Licensed Foster Homes that focus on the child's connection with the birth family and/or community
- Emergency care resources
- Treatment or specialized Foster Care arrangements for children with special needs



Vision Statement...

Metis and Inuit families and communities are nurtured through love, respect, honour, strength and heritage within their distinctive cultures.

Mission Statement

Families and communities have the right and responsibility to care for children within the Metis and Inuit cultures. Michif Child and Family Services will work to strengthen the capacity of families to care for children through culturally relevant community-based programs. We believe in the inherent strength of our families and in the need to build on the capacity of our community to care for and nurture our children.

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Consider Opening
Your Home & Join the
Foster Care Program
At Michif Child &
Family Services



The Culture of Caring

Foster Care... Opening your Heart and Home.

Becoming a Foster Parent means extending your family to embrace another family/child. Although Michif Child & Family Services is committed to supporting families to ensure children can be provided for within their own family of origin - this is not always possible, and sometimes children require a foster home placement.

Foster families are able to protect, love, and care for a child to allow them to continue to develop while their families heal or begin to address their challenges.

Ultimately the foster family becomes extended family to the child and is integral in assisting the child's return to their family of origin. However, sometimes reunification is not possible, but the foster families continue to help the child grow in understanding themselves and their relationship with family.

Becoming a Foster Parent for Michif Child & Family Services involves becoming part of our team in planning for the best care and support of Metis, non-status and Inuit children, with the ultimate goal of reunifying children and families whenever possible.



"Keeping the sash around the family"



Children require the support, love, and sense of belonging a family environment provides.

Children in care need a family like yours to open doors to a brighter future for themselves and their family.



Strong children build strong families.

Strong families build strong communities.

Strong communities build a strong nation.

The Metis Nation

How do I open MY door?... Becoming a Foster Parent.

If you are an individual or family that is able to embrace the needs of a child, and provide them with the supportive warmth of an extended family - Becoming a Foster Parent may be how you can share yourself and your gifts with the community.

There are certain qualities and characteristics that we look for in Foster Parents:

- Compassion, dedication and flexibility
- Desire to make a difference in a child's life
- Good physical and emotional health
- An open home and heart
- Ability to respond to challenging needs of children often demonstrated through behaviors and emotions
- Desire and willingness to work cooperatively with representatives of Michif Child & Family Services and the biological families of the children.

If this sounds like you, please consider reaching out to help us in our efforts to create a brighter future for Metis children and their families:

**Call to begin the journey to discovering more
about opening your home and heart.**