

What Happens When I Apply?

When you contact the Resource Office, a Social Worker will meet with you to answer your questions and provide you with basic information.

This may be accompanied by an invitation to attend Pre-Service Orientation, where detailed information on fostering will be provided. All this will help you decide whether or not fostering is for you.

If, after Pre-Service Orientation, you are still interested in pursuing fostering, an application and home study process will take place.



For more information on becoming a foster parent, visit our website:

www.nanaimofostering.ca

Or contact us:

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Fostering Makes A Difference

Have you considered becoming a foster parent?



Foster care provides a safe, nurturing, stable and secure family environment for children and youth, who, for a variety of reasons, cannot live with their parents.

In Nanaimo and Ladysmith there is a need for foster parents.

Have you considered opening your home to a child in need?



Why Do Some Children Need Foster Care?

Foster care is needed when children and youth, through no fault of their own, cannot live with their own parents or families. Care may be for one or two nights, a few weeks or months, or even years.



What is involved in Foster Care?

In most cases the main goal will be for the child or youth to eventually return to their parents. To help with this, parents will receive support, and contact will be encouraged between the child, their own parents, and their extended family.

During the time that foster parents have children in their home, they receive financial assistance to provide for the child's needs.



What Qualities Do I Need To Become a Foster Parent?

A foster parent needs common sense, understanding and flexibility.

You need to be healthy and stable, and be able to work as part of a team.

You must be self supporting and be able to pass a background criminal check.

It is important that other members of your household support your decision and are happy to be involved in the task of fostering.

