

NATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR NATIVE CHILDREN

So many of our Yakama children need a safe and loving home where their needs are a priority and their cultural heritage remains intact. Nak-Nu-We-Sha is invested in the children, and through your commitment to foster care, you are investing in the future of not only that child, or those children; but in the future of the Yakama Nation. We strive to keep these kids on the reservation with a traditional upbringing. We welcome any parents who are willing to keep the best interest of the child at hand, and restore and revive the culture.



**Help improve the life of a
child. Contact us today!**

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**Become a Licensed
Native American
Foster Parent**

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“Nak-Nu-We-Sha” We Care

What is Foster Care?

Foster care is designed to be a temporary living situation for children and youth who have been removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect, abandonment, or the death of their caregivers. A safe return home is the primary goal.

Foster families take children into their homes and hearts, creating a safe and secure place to grow until reunification. For some children, an alternative permanent home must be found.

We value and respect our foster families and thank you for your consideration.

Who Can Be a Foster Parent?

Great foster parents come in all ages and backgrounds. To be considered for a foster care license, an applicant must:

- Be at least 21 years of age.
- Be able to pass a criminal background check
- Have sufficient income to support themselves without relying on foster care payments.
- Discipline children in a positive manner without the use of physical punishment.
- Provide supervision appropriate to the age or specific behavior of the child as outlined by the social worker.
- Complete required trainings for:
 - First Aid/CPR
 - Blood Borne Pathogens
 - Licensing Orientation
 - Pre-service Training

In addition, any adult living in the potential foster home must:

- Complete a background clearance check with the FBI and Washington State Patrol.
- Submit tuberculosis tests dated within the last year.

Any children between the ages of 16 and 18 who live in the home must also complete a Washington State Patrol background check.

Training Requirements

- **Orientation** - You must complete an orientation session in person or online.
- **Pre-service Training** - You are required to take 24 hours of Caregiver Core Training and a First Aid/CPR and Blood Borne Pathogens course. Training courses are offered regularly in all regions of Washington State.
- **Ongoing Training** - All licensed family foster homes (including those licensed by private agencies and the Office of Foster Care Licensing) are required to complete ongoing training:
 - 36 hours during their first three year licensing period
 - 30 hours during their second three year licensing period
 - 24 hours during all subsequent three year licensing periods



“niimí miyánashma”
Our children

“pawá átaw niimíyaw”
Are very important to us

Ensure your future, by giving
them one.