



OUR AGENCY LOGO

In the spirit of spindle whorls, this revised logo for Surrounded by Cedar depicts an adult face with a smaller child's face inside the mouth. Surrounding these two faces are the dendrochronological rings of red and yellow cedar. The red and yellow of the design symbolize red and yellow cedar, while the adult's face with the child inside its mouth represents the vitality of caRING for future generations of children. In reconsidering the design, I wanted the design to represent the growth of Surrounded by Cedar as an agency, while also representing my personal growth as an artist. In doing this, I also wanted to retain the characteristics of the original logo. **LessLIE**



Our vision is of healthy children who will grow up connected to their families, communities and culture. We will work together toward the day all children and families have skills, knowledge, education and support to ensure their children and their children's children will not enter the child welfare or justice systems.



Aboriginal children need homes now...

Children and youth who are connected to their families, communities and cultures do better as adults.

When Aboriginal children need to be away from their families, it is important for them to be with a family and caregivers willing to work to keep them connected to their roots.

We look to our foster parents to fulfill this role, and to be a supportive, consistent caregiver in our children's lives.

Being a caregiver is a challenging job with many rewards. Caregivers play a very important role in our families, and in the wellbeing of our communities and Nations. We are always in need of caregivers and of Aboriginal families willing to open their hearts and their homes to an Aboriginal child.



Provincial Aboriginal Caregiver Recruitment logo designed by Ray Sim Sr.



SURROUNDED BY CEDAR CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

RESOURCES

PROGRAM INFORMATION

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WELCOME

We recognize that all parents want to provide the best care for their children, but at times this is not possible without support.

Family Care Homes provide safety and care to Aboriginal children and youth while they are away from their parents. Many Aboriginal community members already provide this type of care to Aboriginal children and youth. This has always been our way.

Becoming a foster parent is a way to extend our hearts and homes to other Aboriginal children in community. As a foster parent, you and the child in your home will receive supports. You are part of the caregiver community here in Victoria.

There are many different ways you can provide support and care to these children and youth—long term or short, adoption, emergency and relief.

Find out about how you can support Aboriginal children today!



INFORMATION SESSIONS

Pre Service Orientation sessions are scheduled at various times throughout the year.

During these sessions, prospective foster parents will learn about the fostering process and can have their questions regarding the care of children answered.

Please contact our Resource Worker at Surrounded by Cedar Child & Family Services to find out when the next session will be held in your area.

APPLICATION PROCESS

In the application process you will be asked to:

- ◆ Complete an Intake and questionnaire
- ◆ Complete an application package
- ◆ Provide 3 references and a medical report
- ◆ Complete a criminal record check
- ◆ Attend a Pre-Service Orientation
- ◆ Give SCCFS permission to complete a Prior Contact Check (PCC)
- ◆ Participate in a home study process
- ◆ Copy of your driver's abstract

WHO CAN APPLY TO BECOME A FAMILY CARE PROVIDER?

Anyone who is 19 years or older, who wants to share their home and is committed to support Aboriginal children and keep them connected to their heritage and families. Your financial status will not impact your ability to support a foster child—you will receive funds to cover these costs.

Want to know more? Take the first step in your journey to make a difference in the lives of our Aboriginal children...and call and speak to one of our Resource Social Workers.

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Other Sources of Support

Foster Parent Support Services Society

Victoria, BC

www.fpsss.com

Federation of Aboriginal

Foster Parents

www.fafp.ca