

If you know of a child
who may be in need of
protection, call:

310-1234

From anywhere in BC,
24 hours a day, no area
code is necessary.



Denisiqi Services Society

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**Open your heart
Open your home**

**Becoming a Family
Care Home Provider
for**

**Denisiqi Services
Society
Delegated Services**



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Denisiqi Services Society is seeking families and individuals to look after our children by providing part-time or full time foster care and to support families within our own aboriginal communities

We need people:

- With patience, understanding, appreciation and love for children and youth;
- Who are knowledgeable and experienced with children's needs and have a commitment to making a positive contribution to their lives;
- Who will maintain a stable, structured and positive home environment;
- Who are willing to participate in training opportunities to enhance and support their role as caregivers and role as part of a professional team;
- Who value and support children's connections with their cultural heritage and families.

If you are willing to:

**Open your heart and
Open your home**

We welcome your application!

Contact a Social Worker **250-392-6500**

The process of becoming a Family Care Home provider includes;

- Completing an application and a ***SAFE Questionnaire**;
- Providing references;
- Providing consents to gather prior contact information from the government database;
- Providing medical assessment reference;
- Successfully completing all criminal record checks and reviews to ensure no history relevant to ensuring the safety of children.

All applicants who successfully complete the initial screening will be invited to participate in a;

***SAFE Homestudy.**

Structured Analysis Family Evaluation

- A Denisiqi Services Society Delegated Social Worker will interview you and your family and discuss how fostering may affect your household. We will want to know more about you and your family and discuss what support system you have or may need to successfully provide foster care for children.
- The ***SAFE Homestudy** is very thorough and is meant to ensure the health and safety of everyone in your home.

Meeting the Children's Needs for;

• **Part-time or full time care**

When a ***SAFE Homestudy** is completed and your home is approved for a Family Care Home Agreement, the information gathered helps the Social Worker assess which Family Care Home is the best match for the child(ren) requiring care.

• **Financial Supports**

Once a child is placed in your home, Denisiqi Services Society provides the financial supports available under the Family Care Home Agreement to meet the day to day expenses of the child.

• **Other Supports:**

A variety of supports are available when you become a Foster Parent. The BC Federation of Foster Parents has many valuable resources to offer. Foster Parent groups meet regularly to provide peer support and helpful tips to make fostering successful and rewarding. Denisiqi Services Society Delegated Resource Worker and the child's Social Worker are always available for support and guidance. Training is essential and is caregivers are expected to complete training when available at the agency and through our partner agencies.

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Foster Parent we look forward to hearing from you.