

## Mission Statement

*To provide community based and community driven child and family care services that protect and preserve the unique cultural identity of every child and family in the bands we serve.*

## Vision Statement

*Healthy children & families*

**NIFCS provides support to the following communities:**

- Tsimshian:** Gitga'at (Hartley Bay)  
Metlakatla  
Lax Kw'alaams (Port Simpson)  
Gitxaala (Kitkatla)  
Kitsumkalum  
Kitselas
- Haisla:** Haisla (Kitimaat Village)

**Call today for further information and to speak with one of our Resource Social Workers!**

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# Being a Caregiver



# Welcome!

Children and youth who are connected to their families, communities and cultures have better outcomes as adults. When Aboriginal children need to be away from their families, it is important to have a family and caregiver willing 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. Caregivers can provide support to children and youth who need:

- Long-term placements
- Short-term placements
- Emergency care



## Steps in the Application Process

1. Application package
2. Prior contact check
3. Criminal record check
4. Provide 3 references
5. Medical exam
6. Obtain letter from doctor
7. Participate in home study process
8. Attend orientation and training
9. Signing a contract

## Who Can Apply to Become a Caregiver of a Family Care Home

- Must be 19 years of age or older.
- Be willing to work with NIFCS Resource and Guardianship Social Workers.
- Be physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually able to provide quality care.
- Believe, support and encourage child(ren)'s cultural traditions and maintain family connections.
- Offer a caring and stable home
- Create positive opportunities for children in-care and work through unexpected challenges or difficulties.

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