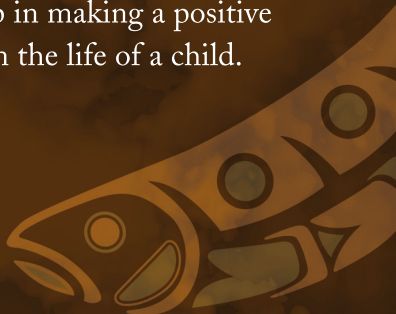




# Become a Foster Parent

We believe that in order for children to grow and thrive as healthy Indian people they need to be in a safe, stable and healthy environment. When this environment is threatened, it is up to caring people like you to help our future generations grow strong.

Our Foster Care Program actively recruits and certifies applicants who are willing to open their hearts and homes and provide temporary to long-term care for our children in foster care. Requesting more information is the first step in making a positive difference in the life of a child.



*Indian Child Welfare has a New Name:*



## Children & Family SERVICES

The mission of Children and Family Services is to assure that every Tribal child grows up in a safe, healthy & permanent family through honoring and respecting our culture & community.

For more information contact:  
**800.242.8196 or 503.879.2039**

9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347

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## Children & Family SERVICES



### About the Foster Care Program:

- 1-on-1 Support for Foster Parent
- Specialized Training
- Cultural Support
- Foster Care Support Payments
- Child Care Reimbursement
- Respite Care Offered

### About the Children

- Boys & Girls, ages 0-18
- Tribal Members of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
- May be Part of a Sibling Group
- Have Differing Levels of Needs
- May Have Been Neglected or Abused

# How to Become a Foster Parent

## Step 1: Find out More

Get as much information about foster care as you can:

- a. Children & Family Services offers opportunities to talk one-on-one with certification staff
- b. Attend a Foster Care Information Session
- c. Contact your local or statewide Foster Parent Association

## Step 2: Make the Decision

Becoming a foster parent will bring changes to your life. Because of that, it is important that every member of your household considers what that will mean to them. The following is a list

of questions that can help you make the right decision with your family:

- Does everyone in our household believe that foster parenting is right for us?
- Do we have friends or family that support us in this decision?
- Do we have space in our home for a child?
- Is there an age group or gender that would work best with our family?
- Are there any special needs a child may have that we would not be comfortable taking on?

## Step 3: Complete an Application

Request an application from Children & Family Services by calling our Foster Care Recruitment Specialist at:

**503-879-2039** or **1-800-242-8196**

# Foster Parent Requirements

## To be a foster parent, you must be:

- Age 21 or older
- Caring, patient, understanding
- Committed to connecting children to their culture, family, and community
- Able to work with a team of professionals, including; caseworkers, teachers, therapists, and community members
- Mentally and emotionally stable
- Able to meet safe housing requirements
- Able to meet your financial obligations and have consistent source of income
- Willing to participate in foster care training
- Willing to complete a home study and foster care certification