

PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAM

Pyramid Lake is in need of compassionate and nurturing foster homes for tribal children. When caseload numbers increase so does the need for safe homes for children and teens. It is always best to keep our children close to home and community at all time.

Interested in becoming a Foster Home?

Foster Care is a temporary placement of children outside their own homes. It is a temporary situation where children live with a family while problems in their biological family are resolved. It occurs because of abuse, neglect, or other major family problems.

Frequently asked questions

Will I be able to say what age or sex of child I wish to foster? Yes. At the same time licensing representatives will assess the composition of your family and provide you with feedback and guidance in making this decision.

Will I be given information concerning the children? The Social Worker will provide as much information available to help with the parenting of any child placed. This information may be limited.

Will there be out-of-pocket expenses, or will the Social Services Department pay for everything? Yes. You will be reimbursed a certain amount each month. This will be discussed during the pre-service training. However, most foster families find there are extra expenses as they include the foster children in family activities that go beyond the reimbursement rate.

Do I have to be married? No. We license single men and women, as well as unmarried couples.

Will an arrest record automatically keep me from being licensed? No. A background check is done on each applicant. The background record is handled case by

Types of Foster Care Needed:

- Emergency Foster Care
- Short-term Foster Care
- Family Placement Foster Care
- Specialized Foster Care
- Foster Care leading to Adoption

case basis. However, convictions for crimes against children are non-licensable offenses.

General Qualifications

1. You must be 21 years of age
2. Exercise sound judgement and decision making
3. Be a willing team member
4. Possess skills necessary to live as a family group
5. Accept and respect each child as an individual
6. Have knowledge and understanding of childcare and problems of children
7. Participate in training as required
8. Serve as a positive role model for foster children.

Children who currently need homes the most are:

- Siblings groups who need to stay together
- Teenagers
- Infants and young children
- Children with behavior and emotional problems

Steps to become a Foster Parent

1. Talk with Human Services staff member.
2. Fill out the Foster Care Application packet.
3. Application includes but not limited to :
 - a. Five references
 - b. Statement of Understanding
 - c. Medical Clearance Form
 - d. Authorization to release information
 - e. Fingerprints for background check
 - f. Certification of Indian Blood
 - g. Home Study & Safety Check
 - h. Foster Home Agreement
 - i. Foster Home Standards & Procedures

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