

Ranch Ehrlo Society is excited about the opportunity to work cooperatively with the ministry of Social Services in order to have Treatment Foster Parents receive PRIDE pre-service training as part of their home assessment and approved as a foster home resource.

As part of the process, the following documentation will be required:

- driver's abstract
- criminal record check (one each applicant and every individual over the age of 18 residing in the home.)
- medical report

Following a home study, you will have the opportunity to read the final report. The agency will then make a decision as to your suitability to the program.

How do children get placed in my home?

Children in the Treatment Foster Care Program are referred directly by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Social Services. They can also be transferred from within the Ranch Ehrlo programs.

The foster parent will be contacted when a child, that we believe may be a fit, has been referred to the program. A meeting will be arranged to review the child's social history and any other information available. You would then meet with the child's case manager and any other significant individuals in the child's life to further examine if the child would be a suitable fit for your home.

Next, we would arrange a few visits for you and the child to become acquainted. The number of visits is typically dependant on the child. If it is determined the child is a good fit for your family, a placement date is set and preparations made for the child to move in.

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Treatment Foster Care Program

Helping children reach their full potential in a caring, family environment.



The primary goal of the Treatment Foster Care Program is to provide a supportive and loving family environment in which children and youth can develop to their full potential.

In addition, the program will help children and youth develop and maintain healthy relationships with their families, plan for reunification or live independently in the community.



Qualities of a professional care giver:

- Provide a safe home and a nurturing environment
- Be accessible to meet the specific needs of the child
- Genuinely enjoy caring for children
- Be patient
- Possess the skills to effectively raise children
- Be able to encourage positive cultural identity
- Be able to recognize the value of the child's families
- Work cooperatively with others in the child's life
- Be accepting of different abilities and interests

Rewards of the program

- Help keep children safe
- Help children reach their full potential by overcoming some challenges
- Know that you have made a difference in a child's life
- Be a highly valued member of a caring team
- Provide a family for a child to grow up with

Challenges:

- Manage your own family member's feelings about sharing you, their home and their lives
- Respond to challenging behaviours and experiences
- Be able to say good-bye to the children you have supported
- Help children to deal with potential disappointments by their birth families

How do I become a foster parent:

The process of becoming a foster parent involves three phases: a telephone inquiry, a screening meeting/interview, and a home study.

During the first phase, the telephone inquiry, a preliminary discussion occurs. Candidates take this opportunity to find out a little more about the program. We also take the opportunity to find out a little more about you, establishing whether or not being a part of this program is the right fit for you.

Next, arrangements will be made for a formal meeting with you and your spouse in your home. It will take approximately two hours and gives us the opportunity to have a more in depth discussion on your motivation, background, lifestyle. You will also be provided with detailed information about the Treatment Foster Care Program, along with an application form identifying five references.