Purpose

Peter Ballantyne Child and Family Services Inc. (PBCFSI) must serve the responsibilities of:

- Protecting children
- Strengthening and empowering families
- Preventing placement
- Promoting healthy development of children

Foster Care provides a stable and caring home that meets the best needs of the child and encourages a child's growth and development until is safe for the child to return home.

What is Foster Care?

Foster care is the part of the protective service for children in which they are provided with a substitute or supplemental family life experience in an Agency approved home for a planned period of time.

Foster families open their homes to provide love and nurturing care to children in need and cannot live with their own families. Foster care is:

- One family helping another family in their community
- A community service that has immense rewards for both families and children
- About helping children return to their own homes
- Supporting children to move to new permanent homes
- Helping children maintain contact with their own family and culture

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Foster Care Worker: Beatrice Charles

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Foster Care Worker: Ann Morin

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VISION

Safe and happy children living in healthy families and vibrant communities

The main goals of the program are to:

- To enhance the safety and well-being of children and youth in care
- Ensure children and youth have a safe place to live and people to care for them

Who is eligible to Foster?

Couples or single people with or without children can apply to become foster families.

The Agency has certain requirements they must meet in order to ensure the child is in a safe and secure environment:

- Foster Home Study
- Community Reference
- Medical for all applicants
- Smoke detector/fire alarm system in the home
- Criminal record checks for all adult residents in the home
- Child abuse registry check for all residents in the home

Foster families must complete additional training related to the special needs of children in care and their families. Foster families come from all walks of life, and a variety of cultural, education and economic backgrounds.

Who Are Foster Children?

Foster children are usually from the Peter Ballantyne communities and range in age from newborn to seventeen (17) years.

Foster children require care for a number of reasons. It may be because their natural family is experiencing difficulties or because they have been abused, neglected or abandoned.

Some foster children have special needs because of a disability or emotional problem, that requires more care and attention than their natural family can provide.

How Long Will Foster Children Stay?

How long children stay in care is dependant on their particular circumstances. Some children require emergency care for a day or two, while others require longer term care ranging form a few weeks to several years. In some cases children may be placed in permanent foster care until they are ready to go out on their own.

Financial Support and Services

Foster families receive a daily allowance and are expected to provide for the needs of the child (i.e., food, clothing, maintenance, including the child's portion of rent and utilities, education expenses, personal supplies, sporting and extracurricular expenses and allowances). These payments are disbursed one a month.

Other expenses, such as requisition fees for sports, recreational, babysitting or other activities are considered on a case by case basis. A Foster Care handbook is provided to the family for more information on support and services.

Where to Apply?

If you believe you have the time and commitment to be a foster family contact your local Child & Family Services office or Peter Ballantyne Child & Family Services Inc. office in Prince Albert. A worker will explain the Foster Care program in detail and answer any questions you may have.