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• Have the ability to love, understand, care for and accept a child for whom your family did not give birth.
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• The applicant and each household member age 18 or older, must submit fingerprints for a state and national criminal history search.
• Submit to a search of OKDHS records including child welfare records.
• Attend 27 hours of pre-service training.
• Other requirements apply.

Foster Homes are needed

Native American Homes for Native American Children
What are foster homes?

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While in foster care, children stay in contact with their parents through arranged visits. The children could be returned when the parents have corrected their problems.

The need for foster homes

Children of all races and cultures need foster homes. Children are waiting in emergency shelters now because there are just not enough foster homes. Please consider opening your heart and your home to foster care.

A Special Need

If you or an adult family member are of some Native American descent, you may be able to help in a very special way by providing foster care for Native American children and help mend Native American families.

Native Homes

There is a great need for Native American foster homes. You can apply through the Oklahoma Department of Human Services.

ICWA

The Indian Child Welfare Act, a federal law, has a provision to encourage placement of Native American children in Native American foster homes.

Tribal Homes

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