

What is a Host Home?

Host Homes will be located in Nuuchahnulth territory, and will connect children who are “in care” and living away from home with their Nation. This will give children in care and their foster parents the opportunity to visit, attend community events, etc..

A **Host Home** is similar to a billet home, in that you will provide room and board. The differences are: you are not responsible for the care of the child, the length of stay will be 1-3 days at a time.

As a **Host Home** you will open your home to visiting foster families with Nuuchahnulth children.



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Host Home Program

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Frequently Asked Questions

Will I be paid?

Yes, you will receive a honorarium to cover the costs of room & board.

What kind of house do I need?

You will need to provide a smoke-free, drug & alcohol free home environment. You will need space for guests to sleep. Smoke detectors & fire extinguishers will also be required. Essentially, a home free from health & safety hazards.

Where will children come from?

Children will be “in care”, from the Usma Family and Child Services program, or they may be from other areas of B.C or potentially another province.

What am I expected to do?

You will be expected to orient the child and his/her caregiver to the community, family, and/or events.

Provide a place to eat and sleep.

Provide information about the community, introduce and connect the child to family members.

As a Host Home, you may also be teaching and explaining cultural traditions and practices.

How do I become a Host Home?

Call a Resource worker at Usma F&CS to apply. The process includes: Criminal Record Checks for those 19 yrs. and over, references, prior contact check and submission of the application form.

Why Host Homes?

The Host Home Program is unique to Usma Nuu chah nulth F&CS. It was created to better serve our children in care, as a way to make or keep a connection with their nation, to increase a sense of belonging and identity and to connect to family and culture.

The Host Home Program is part of a range of services at Usma F&CS, including “out of care” plans such as the Extended Family Program and foster homes.

