



Dear prospective Indigenous foster parent,

Thank you for inquiring about the 8th PRIDE (Parent Resources for Information, Development and Education) training at Eel River Bar! This is an eight-week mandatory training for all foster families.

There are four criteria that we require to proceed:

1. You will be asked to complete the Social Development Record Check Consent form in the presence of the social worker as a witness.
2. You are required to have a Criminal Record Check completed by your local law enforcement agency on anyone 19 years of age or older living in your home. The inquiry results are returned to us at Eel River Bar Child & Family Services.
3. A home visit to assess the suitability of your home and the general family situation.
4. A social worker from Eel River Bar Child & Family Services will review the results of your Social Development Check, Criminal Record Check, and home visit to determine if your family meets the non-negotiable eligibility criteria.

Your family's inability to meet any of these items may impact the process.

The following are the dates of the next PRIDE training. Training takes place from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm on these dates at our new Child & Family Services building, located at 11 No'kmaq Road, near the Heritage Garden. Completion of all sessions is mandatory for both prospective foster parents. Please ensure you are available to take part in these sessions:

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| 1. Tuesday, January 20, 2026 | 5. Tuesday, February 17, 2026 |
| 2. Tuesday, January 27, 2026 | 6. Tuesday, February 24, 2026 |
| 3. Tuesday, February 3, 2026 | 7. Tuesday, March 3, 2026 |
| 4. Tuesday, February 10, 2026 | 8. Tuesday, March 10, 2026 |

These measures are in place to ensure the best placement situation for both the prospective foster family and the child. All information collected by our office is confidential. If you are interested in beginning the process of becoming a foster family, please contact Social Worker Cathy Pictou or Administrative Assistant Tanya Cassidy at the number above to sign up.

Cathy Pictou, RSW

Gary Burris, RSW

Thank you.