



The Leech Lake Child Welfare Program

complies with the following:

- The Indian Child Welfare Act, Public Law 95-608
- The Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act, Minnesota Statutes, Sections 260.751 to 260.835
- The Heritage Act, Minnesota Statutes, Sections 259.29, 260C.193, Subdivision 3, and 260C.212 to 260C.215
- The Interstate compact on the Placement of Children, Minnesota Statutes, Section 260.851



Foster Care

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Leech Lake Child Welfare FOSTER CARE PROGRAM



The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
has adopted the philosophy:

**Safety and well-being
of the children is the
number one priority of
Leech Lake Child
Welfare**

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

places emphasis in honoring the integrity of Leech Lake families. To support this philosophy, the Leech Lake Child Welfare Program concentrates its efforts in providing supportive services for families to prevent out of home placement and to establish family reunification.

The Leech Lake Foster Care Program provides foster care services for Indian children under the age of 18 years of age, a child in special education, or a juvenile under the jurisdiction of a juvenile court who is under 22 years of age.

When a child(ren) is placed in a foster home, the Child Protection Case Manager will review the child's case plan with the foster care parent. The foster care family cooperates and collaborates with the Case Manager to ensure that the child(ren) needs are identified and addressed.

The Child(ren) case manager visits the foster care home on a monthly basis to review any new developments in the child's case plan and assess the relationship of the foster care family and the foster child.

Routine monthly visits will also take place by the Foster Care Specialist to determine any issues of non-compliance and establish needs for support.

As reunification plans are made, the case manager and the foster care family will work together to arrange supervised visits with the child(ren) family. If reunification can not be established, the case manager informs the foster care family for permanency options.



To operate a foster care home, the applicant shall be the primary caregiver and shall be legally responsible for the operation of the residence. The applicant or the applicant's spouse must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe and the residence must be located within the Leech Lake Reservation boundaries(60 mile radius) or within 5 mile outside of the Leech Lake boundaries. If off the reservation Leech Lake enrollees only.

All foster care parents must be at least eighteen years old at the time of licensure.

An applicant will not be issued a license until criminal and child protection background studies are completed and no disqualification factors have been found upon the applicant or any other persons living in the residence who have regular contact with the child(ren).

The applicant must cooperate with a Home Study conducted by the Leech Lake Foster Care Program that includes an interview with all foster care providers and household members over the age of 7 years old.

All Foster Care applicants seeking licensure will be submitted with recommendations presented to the Leech Lake Child Welfare Commission for approval.



Leech Lake Foster Care is seeking foster homes, if you are interested in becoming a Foster Parent here are the basic requirements:

- Application
- Background Check, anyone older than 13 years of age
- Pass UA
- Physical Exam
- Health & Safety Home Visit



Types of options for a Foster Care Parent:

- ◆ Relative
- ◆ Regular
- ◆ Therapeutic
- ◆ Emergency
- ◆ Respite
- ◆ Medically Fragile

