

## Helping Native Youth Succeed

Native American tradition is rooted in the belief and practice that all members of the extended family have an obligation to care for children. Grand-parents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters and other relatives share in parenting responsibilities.

***However, on the Omaha Nation there are not enough Native American foster parents for Native American children who need them.***

NF4NC recruiters are also located in these Nebraska and Iowa locations:

Lincoln (State of Ne DHHS)

Omaha and Council Bluffs (Ponca Tribe)

Santee (Santee Sioux Nation)

Sioux City (Iowa KidsNet)

Winnebago (Winnebago Tribe)

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Resource Families  
(Foster/Relative  
placement families) are  
needed in our  
Community

Omaha Tribe of Nebraska  
Social Services Department



## Becoming a Foster Parent



## About NF4NC

- NF4NC Project is a 5 year Diligent Recruitment (DR) Grant funded by the Children's Bureau.
- Omaha Tribe partners with The Winnebago (main grantee), Santee, and Ponca Tribes of Nebraska, and the States of Iowa and Nebraska.
- Main Goal is recruitment and retention of Native resource families.

Foster Parents can keep children connected to their culture, helping them build positive self-esteem and positive cultural identity while also providing a safe, nurturing home. Foster parenting is also a way to strengthen your community by helping youth develop to their full potential.

You do not need to have a perfect home to be a foster parent. If you have overcome some adversity and problems in your life, you may have the strengths needed to help a child and their family succeed.

### STEPS to becoming a Foster Parent

- Learn about family's strength's and needs
  - Learn about children in foster care and their strength's and needs
- Learn how Trauma affects the way children see the world around them
- Learn how to help children stay connected to their past.
- Learn how to keep children safe, healthy home for children and youth
- Make a informed decision about foster parenting

## **TIPS-MAPP**

"Trauma Informed Partnering for Safety and Permanence Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting"

- NF4NC will be utilizing the TIPS-MAPP training to License homes.
- TIPS MAPP is a culturally based curriculum .
- TIPS-MAPP training is 10 weeks with a 3.5 hour sessions once a week.
- Childcare, a meal, and incentives will be provided.

