

The Supports for Permanency program has been put in place to ensure that families who wish to offer permanent, loving homes to children in care have the means to advocate for them and meet their unique needs. The program provides financial support to families who adopt or obtain private guardianship of children in permanent government care.

Available financial supports include:

- 100 per cent of basic foster care maintenance rates;
- additional needs funding of up to \$70 per week to assist with the child's emotional and behavioural needs;
- respite care of up to 576 hours per year;
- up to 10 counselling sessions per year;
- treatment of a child in a residential facility for up to 12 months; and
- reimbursement for the cost of transporting a First Nations child to the child's band for the purpose of maintaining cultural ties

Eligibility:

- Adoptive parents and private guardians who currently have a Supports for Permanency agreement.
- All families who adopted or obtained private guardianship of a child in permanent government care after November 1, 2004.
- Parents who adopted a child between April 1, 1990 and November 1, 2004 and who have an "Acknowledgment of Special Needs" or a letter confirming the child they adopted has special needs.

Your family may also be eligible for additional services coordinated with the Family Support for Children with Disabilities (FSCD) program.

Our **Child Care Services** can provide you with information about licensed child care programs and approved family day homes in your community. Child Care Services can also provide information for other supports for families such as Respite Child Care and Supported Child Care.

For more information on Edmonton Region - Children's Services, call 780-643-9275 or visit the website at alberta.ca.

