



NATIVE CHILD WELFARE KIN CARE FUND POLICY

1. **PURPOSE:**

The Kin Care Fund is in place to assist families who enter into voluntary kin arrangements to care for children of NFN members involved in Children Aid Society cases. NFN supports kin agreements as a way of keeping children of NFN in familiar surroundings.

2. **PROCESS:**

- a) Kin agreements are made between the family and the Native Child Welfare Prevention Program where CAS has been involved.
- b) Once the agreements are signed a meeting will take place with the Social Service Manager to discuss possible start up costs.
- c) The Social Services Manager will prepare an approval form to be signed off by the Chief Executive Officer.

3. **ELIGIBILITY:**

Families entering into a Kin Care Agreements to care of NFN member children who are involved in Children's Aid Society matters.

4. **MAXIMUM COVERAGE:**

- a) The maximum coverage is \$1,000.00 per child 0 to 15 years of age to cover eligible expenses under section 5.
- b) Wage enhancement to a maximum of \$2,000., per family in cases where the family caretaker has to leave their employment for an extended period of time to coordinate for the care of the child(ren).

Costs will be paid for by way of Purchase Order directly to the supplier and/or reimbursement based on receipts.

Note: In cases where children over the age of 15 and are involved in CAS cases and it is not in their best interest to return home will be assessed on an individual basis for eligible funding, providing they have no other form of assistance.

5. ELIGIBLE EXPENSES:

- Clothing
- Furniture
- Activities
- Health Costs
- Child care

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