

Foster Parent Questions and Answers

Changes to foster homes managed by B & L Resources Inc.

What is changing for foster homes currently managed by B & L Resources Inc.?

On August 20, 2020, the Province of Manitoba gave notice to B&L Inc. indicating it will no longer be utilizing B & L Resources Inc. as a foster care provider. Foster homes managed by B & L Resources Inc. were primarily licensed by Winnipeg Child and Family Services (CFS).

Children currently placed in foster homes managed by B & L Resources Inc. will remain in the same foster home, but licensing and management of the foster homes will transition to a culturally appropriate CFS agency.

The decision made by the Province is regarding the working relationship between the

Province and B & L Resources Inc. and not related to foster homes currently providing care to children. The Province, CFS Authorities and CFS agencies are deeply appreciative of the dedication foster parents have shown to children in care in their homes, which is so essential.

Which CFS agency will take over licensing and management of my foster home?

A working group with representation from the Province, CFS authorities and CFS agencies will recommend the licensing agency for each foster home.

This recommendation will be based on the guardian CFS agency for the majority of the children in the foster home. If a home provides care to the same number of children from more than one CFS agency, the agency for the child placed in the home for the longest time will be the recommended agency.

How will my home be licensed?

Currently, foster homes with B & L Resources Inc. are licensed primarily by Winnipeg Child and Family Services. After the transition takes place, the new licensing and resources for the foster home will be provided by the CFS agency determined using the above information.

What role will I have in the transition to a new licensing agency?

Ending your license with the current CFS agency and having a new license by another CFS agency needs your consent. If you do not consent to the change, you may choose to apply to a different CFS agency. The guardian CFS agency for the children in your home will be informed of this decision. CFS guardian agencies make the final decisions about the foster home arrangements for children in their care.

Who will manage and support my home after this change?

Your home will be supported by your new licensing CFS agency. This will include assisting you with support, guidance and training; transportation arrangements; visit arrangements; and care payments.

Your new licensing CFS agency will meet with you to let you know how these supports will be provided, and of key contact people at the agency.

What if there is an appeal or investigation underway for my home?

The transition working group will individually review any such cases to make a recommendation about licensing during this process. Foster parents will be notified of all recommendations regarding licensing during stages of the process.

Will my rate change?

Your rate will remain unchanged for 60 days following the transition of your license to a new CFS agency. Any increase or decrease in foster payments can only be made after the guardian agency completes an assessment, and completes the process required by their overseeing CFS Authority.

When will this change happen?

This process will occur over approximately 120 days starting September 1, 2020. Some licenses will transition faster.

Who can I ask if I have more questions?

A virtual town hall for all affected foster families will take place 2020-08-27. You will be provided with contact information to join the meeting, where participants can ask more questions. You can also call this number if you have any questions – 204-945-2923.

Your new recommended licensing CFS agency will also be able to answer questions about the process and the changes.

Will my worker for the child(ren) placed in my home change?

No, the children placed in your home will continue to have an assigned worker from the guardian CFS agency.

Where can I find more information?

A virtual town Hall will be hosed on August 27, 2020. You can register at this link - <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1194966138800393229>. You can also call 204-945-2923 to speak to a member of the transition team.