



# ***Federation of Foster Families of Nova Scotia***

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## **Application for Foster Caregiver NCI Trainers**

Name:

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

Phone Number (Best to contact)

### **1. How have you been involved in foster care?**

*(Please describe your experience, such as being a foster caregiver, former youth in-care, support role, or involvement with foster care organizations.)*

Foster Caregiver (Minimum 2 years)

From

To

An adult with lived in-care experience

From

To

Relative of a Foster Family

From

To

Other connection to foster care.

From

To

Please explain.

### **2. What inspires you to become a Foster Caregiver Trainer?**

*(Please share what motivates you to take on this role and how you hope to make an impact.)*



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### **3. Have you completed all components of the Introductory Level of Care Training?**

*Check all that apply.*

Orientation/PRIDE Preservice Training ☐

Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Basic Training ☐

Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Refresher Training ☐

(Must be completed each year)

Sensitivity Training Program ☐

PRIDE-Module 1 ☐

PRIDE-Module 2 ☐

### **4. Is your home currently “open” with your Agency/District Office?** Yes ☐ No ☐

### **5. Age range of children you have fostered:**

1-5 _____	6-10 _____	1-15 _____	15+ _____
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### **6. Please indicate the number of birth children you have and their ages:**

1-5 _____	6-10 _____	1-15 _____	15+ _____
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### **7. Tell us about your experience in leading training sessions or facilitating group activities."**

*(Consider skills such as communication, public speaking, collaboration, cultural awareness, or event participation.)*

**No experience? That's okay—tell us why you're interested!**

Employer or Volunteer Organization	Dates	What specific skills have you developed through this experience that would support you in your role as a Foster Care Ambassador?



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- 8. Tell us about any education—both formal and informal—that has helped you develop knowledge or skills in facilitation, training, or working with group dynamics.**

*Formal education includes schooling such as high school, college, university, or vocational training.*

*Informal education refers to learning through other experiences, such as volunteer training, workshops, conferences, on-the-job training, or life experiences.*

Institution	Dates	What specific skills did you gain from this experience?

- 9. What strengths do you bring to presenting, teaching, or facilitating group activities?**

*Feel free to include personal qualities, skills, or experiences that support your ability to engage and communicate with others.*

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- 10. NVC Training involves physical demonstrations of disengagements and holds. Do you have any medical conditions (e.g., back injury) that may prevent you from safely presenting all components of the training?**

*If yes, please briefly describe any limitations or accommodations that may be helpful.*

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- 11. How comfortable are you working with other trainers and foster caregivers from diverse backgrounds, age groups, and life experiences, including those with values or beliefs that may differ from your own?**

*(Please share any experiences or perspectives that help you in working respectfully and effectively in diverse group settings.)*

- 12. What strengths and personal qualities do you bring to a team environment?**

*(Consider how you contribute to collaboration, communication, and supporting others in a team setting.)*

- 13. Please indicate the times when you are available for training, preparatory work, travel, etc.** The majority of our training is held on Saturdays, with the occasional Sunday.

*(Check all that apply.)*

Saturday Yes ☐ No ☐

Saturday Yes ☐ No ☐

- 14. Are you able to commit to the responsibilities of an NVCI Trainer, including preparation time, travel, training sessions, and meetings?**

*(Please describe your availability and any factors that may affect your ability to fully participate in this role.)*



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**15.** Is there anything else you'd like to share about your interest or qualifications for the NVCI Trainer Program?

**16.** Do you have access to reliable transportation to attend training sessions?

Yes ☐ No ☐

**17.** Are you able and willing to travel *within* your geographic region throughout the year for training?

Yes ☐ No ☐

**18.** Are you able and willing to travel *outside* of your geographic region throughout the year for training?

Yes ☐ No ☐

### **Please Note:**

NVCI Trainers are required to attend a **3-day certification training** with the Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) to become a certified instructor. Additionally, all NVCI Trainers must complete a **1-day refresher training** with CPI every two years to maintain their certification.

Both the initial certification and refresher sessions are scheduled periodically throughout the year and are held on **weekdays**.

☐ *I acknowledge the training requirements and weekday availability for certification and refresher sessions.*



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*Once your initial application has been reviewed and accepted, you will be asked to provide references from the following sources:*

- *A community organization, church, or volunteer service that is familiar with your work*
- *Mi'kmaq Family and Children's Services **or** the Department of Community Services*
- *Your local Foster Family Association or Support Group*

*Reference request forms will be emailed directly to applicants who are selected to move forward in the program.*

**Please submit your completed application to:**

Shirley Howard, Coordinator of Training, [shirley.howard@novascotia.ca](mailto:shirley.howard@novascotia.ca)

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Signature:

Date:

Or scan the QR Code to apply online!



Foster Caregiver NCI Application  
Form

