Learn More About Adoption
Contact your local Children’s Aid Society

Every adoption experience is as unique as the families and children involved

Every child deserves a loving family
Consider adopting a child through your local Children’s Aid Society
The role of the birth parent

Prior to the adoption, the birth parent(s) may provide input about the kind of family they would like for their child.

The values, lifestyles, education, cultural heritage and other characteristics which are important to the birth parent(s) are considered carefully when choosing the child’s adoptive parents.

Recently there has been a move to create more openness between adopting families and birth families.

The degree of openness a child needs, a birth parent wants, or an adopting family can accept, is carefully considered early in the adoption process. It could range from a photo and a letter, to contact between birth parents and children.

Who can adopt?

People who adopt want to know the joy of helping a child grow up to be a happy and fulfilled adult. They can be individuals and couples who are unable to have children of their own or parents who already have children and want to add to their growing family.

Who are the children waiting for adoption?

Our children range in age from toddlers to teens and come from diverse religious backgrounds. Some are siblings waiting for a family who can adopt them together. Although some children may have challenges, they all have one thing in common—a need for a permanent safe and loving family.

How do I adopt?

To find out if adoption is right for you, contact your local Children’s Aid Society. By working together, a decision can be made whether adoption is the right plan for you and what kind of child or children you could parent.

It may take several months to gain approval to become an adoptive parent. We will conduct a home study that involves several visits to your home. During the home study you'll be encouraged to assess your own attitudes and abilities. You will also be required to attend training, provide character references, as well as current medical and police checks.

No standard waiting periods

Adoption placements are based on the child’s needs, so the waiting time depends on an appropriate match being made between a waiting child and the adoptive family. If the match is right, the process can happen very quickly!

Once the decision is made, there will be several visits to allow the child to get to know the new family and surroundings before moving to their new home.

By law, there is a minimum six month adjustment period from the time a child moves into the new home until the adoption is completed, but usually the time period is longer.

An Adoption Order makes the adoptive parents the child’s legal parents, and the child becomes a legal member of their family.