

## WHAT DOES THE APPLICATION PROCESS INVOLVE?

All adoptive applicants in Ontario must provide references, a medical report, financial information, and consents for police and child welfare record searches. In addition, they must attend 27 hours of PRIDE training, during which they discuss and review many aspects of caring for children who have experienced trauma and loss.

An Adoption Worker is assigned to applicants to guide them through the homestudy process, which involves personal visits. Together they discuss the role of adoptive parents and the applicants' capacity, willingness, and readiness to assume this role.

## AFTER APPLICANTS ARE APPROVED, HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR A CHILD TO BE PLACED IN THE HOME?

Placement timelines vary based on factors such as the child's needs and the compatibility of the adoptive family. The child and youth's needs, cultural and racial heritage are considerations. CCAS strives to find the perfect match, ensuring a smooth transition for both the child and the family.

## HOW WILL THE PLACEMENT OCCUR?

Once a child or youth is identified for a placement, the prospective adoptive parents are given all relevant information about the child or youth. Once the decision is made to proceed with an adoption placement, adoptive parents visit the child or youth and foster parents frequently to ease the child or youth's transition from one home to another.

## HOW WILL CCAS HELP ME AFTER A CHILD IS PLACED WITH MY FAMILY?

Our support doesn't end once a child is placed. Adoption Workers continue to provide assistance until the adoption is finalized. We offer consultation, referrals, and ongoing support as needed. CCAS also facilitates access to non-identifying information and assists with inquiries regarding birth relatives.



### How do I find out more about adoption?

If you're new to adoption in Ontario, contact Centralized Adoption Intake through the Adoption Council of Ontario at [www.adoption.on.ca/CI](http://www.adoption.on.ca/CI), or 1-877-ADOPT-20 for information. Once you've explored adoption and feel CCAS is the right fit, contact us at 416-395-1520 to begin the application process.



### Start Your Adoption Journey Today!

Contact CCAS to begin your adoption journey and make a lifelong difference in a child's life. Join us in providing love, stability, and a bright future for children and youth in need of a forever family.



## ADOPT WITH CCAS

### Embark on the Journey of a Lifetime: Consider Adoption with CCAS

Are you considering expanding your family through adoption? The Catholic Children's Aid Society of Toronto (CCAS) is dedicated to finding loving and supportive homes for children and youth in need of permanent families. Explore the possibility of adoption and discover the joy of providing a child with the security and stability they deserve.





Are you considering adopting a child?

CCAS is seeking adoptive families who can provide unconditional love, understanding, and a Catholic upbringing to children and youth. Join us in offering educational, social, and recreational opportunities as you embark on this life-changing journey.

## WHAT IS ADOPTION?

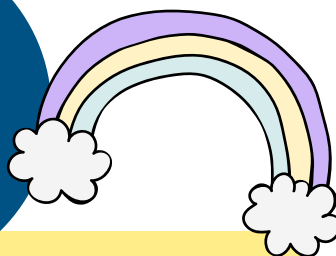


Adoption is the legal process that gives children and youth a new family when their first families are unable to care for them. It's intended to provide children and youth with a permanent home, stability, and lifelong security. To experience healthy development and create a sense of self-worth, children and youth need to have roots and feel they belong to a family who cares for them. Adoption is about addition, not subtraction – many children who are adopted continue to have relationships with their first family members.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY TO THE CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY OF TORONTO?

Adult couples and single adults who live in Toronto and plan to raise their child in the Roman Catholic faith. Applicants must be landed immigrants or permanent residents of Canada. Applicants may be looking to become parents through adoption or may already be parents and wanting to add to their family. Other applications may be considered at the request of another Children's Aid Society, or if it is considered in a child's best interest to do so.

## WHAT DOES IT COST?



There is no charge for public adoption through CCAS or any Ontario Children's Aid Society. Our focus is solely on finding loving homes for children in need.

## WHO ARE THE CHILDREN WHO NEED HOMES?

Children and youth of all ages, from newborns to teenagers, await adoption. Many are siblings who long to be adopted together. The children are Catholic; their cultural and racial roots are varied. They may have factors in their family backgrounds which require extra attention and/or make them vulnerable to future difficulties, such as learning needs, and fetal alcohol exposure. While their backgrounds may vary, they all share the need for stability and a caring family. CCAS supports ongoing contact with their first families through openness, ensuring relationships are nurtured and maintained.



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