

# What is adoption?



Adoption is the permanent placement of a child or youth into your home, allowing them to legally become a member of your family. Most children or youth placed for adoption have been removed from their homes because of abuse or neglect.

## Who can adopt?

- People who are willing to make a lifelong commitment to children and youths;
- People who are couples, single, divorced, widowed, gay or lesbian, and who are at least 19 years of age;
- People who can financially manage the addition of a child or youth to their family;
- People who have no criminal history that will prevent them from being approved to adopt.

## Who are the children and youth?

CASO always has an urgent need for families interested in adopting children and youth aged 5 years or older; sibling groups; and those who have developmental delays.

## What is the adoption process?

1. Please start by visiting our website at [casott.on.ca](http://casott.on.ca) for more information on adopting.
2. Contact the Adoption Intake Line at 613-742-1620 ext. 2. Our Intake Worker will further explain the process and invite you to one of our Adoption Information Sessions.
3. You will need to complete the Adoption Application and if we proceed with your application, you will undergo a home study as well as training. This is further explained on our website.