

Preparation and Support for adopters

All potential adopters are asked to attend group preparation sessions.

These sessions will help you think about what adoption will mean for you and your family. It will help you to understand more about adoption and about the processes involved. We will help you to begin to prepare for your assessment.

There are eight group sessions in all, each lasting about three hours. The sessions are usually held during weekdays but sometimes sessions are arranged in the evenings or occasionally on a Saturday. It is important that you attend all the sessions and, for couples, that both partners attend. Most people find that the sessions help them to think carefully about adoption and it is useful to be able to talk together about the issues raised.

Post Adoption Support

We offer: -

- Support, advice and information to adoptive families throughout Worcestershire.
- Advice and information to adopted adults, including counselling to over 18 year olds, who wish to have access to their birth records.
- Advice, information and an intermediary service to birth relatives after adoption.

We will be keeping in regular contact with adoptive families and can offer assessments of adoption support needs.



"The course helped me to know I'm doing the right thing".

We provide: -

- A Continuous Development Programme for adopters in areas such as loss, attachment, life story work and communicating with children.
- Consultations with an independent therapist to look at behaviour management strategies that are appropriate for children with attachment difficulties.
- An advice and information service is available. We can be contacted direct with no need to go through Children's services.
- A Letter Box service, for the exchange of information between birth families and adoptive families.
- Advice and information on direct contact issues.

We work closely with WASGAP (Worcestershire Action and Support for Adoptive Parents). WASGAP run support group meetings and offer a telephone advice service on Tuesdays and Thursdays on: 01527 557955

helping you, help them.