



Adoption Council of Ontario

2010 Action Plan- Connections-Bridging Gaps to bring families closer to the children who need the permanency of Adoption

The Adoption Council of Ontario announces:

In 2010 ACO is taking Action to make Connections- Bridging gaps to bring families closer to the children who need the permanency of adoption

The Adoption Council of Ontario recognizes the importance of collaboration in all our efforts to support permanency planning for children in Ontario and abroad who are not able to live with their birth families. Connecting children with parents who can provide them with a family into adulthood is key to permanency planning for children in foster or institutional care.

We have a plan:

** **INCREASE:** How to Adopt sessions throughout the province to ensure that ALL families with an interest in adoption can receive timely, accurate and comprehensive information about the adoption process in Ontario*

** **HELP:** families who are Adoptready (ie have homestudy and PRIDE training completed) to be on the AdoptOntario Resource Databank so they can be considered for matching with all children in Ontario who need a family.*

** **CHALLENGE:** CASs to develop systems to identify children in their care who do not have a permanency plan that will provide them with a family beyond adolescence so targeted recruitment campaigns can focus on finding the families for these children.*

** **SUPPORT:** CASs in posting ALL "waiting children" on the AdoptOntario Adoption Resource Databank and increase effectiveness of programs such as Today's child and Adoption Resource Exchange in bringing children closer to families.*

** **COLLABORATE** with the Ministry, CASs and Adoptive parent groups to develop effective programs to provide ongoing education for "waiting families" which will increase the number of families who are able to take on the care of children with special needs in the CAS system.*

** **ADVOCATE:** strongly and continuously for post adoption subsidies and a network of supports for families who adopt children from CAS care.*

For more information, to offer your thoughts or join our network contact:

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