



Testimonial Request for Adoptive Families

It's helpful for families who are contemplating adopting an "older child" from foster care, to draw from the experience of families who have already adopted.

As an adoptive parent, please answer the questions below. Your story may be used on the AdoptOntario website to promote adoption through the child welfare system and will be viewable to the public. Please use as much space as needed and answer as many questions as you wish.

If you would like to remain anonymous, please indicate your preference. Otherwise, AdoptOntario will list only the ages of children, and the agency that facilitated the adoption.

Please return your testimonials to your adoption worker and/or info@adoptontario.ca or

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1. Describe your family dynamic (married, common-law, single, same – sex, ages of family members, etc.)
2. What was your motivation to adopt?
3. How did you make the decision to adopt through your local CAS? (as opposed to private or international adoption)
4. How long did the process take? (From the first call to having your child(ren) placed with you?)
5. How old was your child(ren) when you adopted them?
6. Did you always know you wanted to adopt an "older" child? (aged 5+)



7. If not, how did you come to this decision?

8. Does your child(ren) have identified special needs? If so, what are they?

9. What was helpful in learning how a child's special needs would impact your parenting and your family life? I.E. your adoption worker, community resources, other families, etc.

10. Describe the first few months/years of having your child(ren) placed with you. Successes? Challenges?

11. What can you share with families, just beginning the adoption process that you wished you knew when you were in their position?

12. Anything else you would like to add?