



Ontario's Adoptive Parent's Association

## General Resources

These organizations offer support, training and advocacy to parents and kin and customary caregivers.

### **Adoption Council of Canada (ACC)**

A national organization that supports and encourages permanency for children in and from the child welfare system. The ACC offers services and resources for adoptees, first families and permanency families (kin, customary care, legal guardianship and adoptive).

[Adoption.ca](http://Adoption.ca)

### **Adoption Council of Ontario (ACO)**

A provincial organization that serves first families, adoptees, adoptive parents and adoption professionals. It provides services including seminars, webinars, post-adoption training and events.

[Adoption.on.ca](http://Adoption.on.ca)

### **Adopt4Life**

A provincial organization that provides peer support, one-on-one-support, education and advocacy to adoptive parents and kin and customary caregivers. The team and Board all have lived experience of adoption or permanency arrangements. The mission is to strengthen and empower community parents and caregivers, so their children can meet their potential in permanent families.

One-on-one peer support and resource information

Buddies/Mentors

Facebook Groups

Support Groups

Webinars

Advocacy

Support during transitioning

Openness and Cultural Planning Information

[Adopt4Life.com](http://Adopt4Life.com)

### **Adoptions Together**

A U.S.-based organization that offers online education for parents, educators and adoption professionals.

[Adoptionstogether.org](http://Adoptionstogether.org)

### **Canada Adopts**

A national online open-adoption resource and platform that helps connect families hoping to adopt with expectant parents who are considering adoption for their baby.

[Canadaadopts.com](http://Canadaadopts.com)

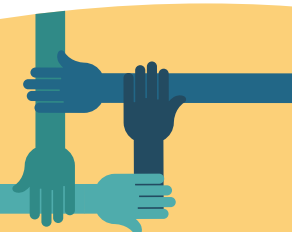
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### **Canadian Foster Family Association (Cffa/Afac)**

The collective voice for foster families in Canada to enhance the quality of care provided to children.

[Canadianfosterfamilyassociation.ca](http://Canadianfosterfamilyassociation.ca)

### **Canadian Mental Health Association (Cmha)**

This national organization provides information on mental health services and runs program across Ontario.

[Ontario.cmha.ca](http://Ontario.cmha.ca)

### **Cangrands National Kinship Support**

A national organization that welcomes all grandparents and kinship caregivers raising grandchildren or extended family members. It's aim is to support grandmothers, grandfathers and kinship families to maintain or re-establish family ties.

[Cangrands.com](http://Cangrands.com)

### **The Center For Adoption Support And Education (Case)**

A U.S.-based organization that provides information about adoption-competent training, as well as recommended reading for children, parents, adoption professionals, and educators.

[Adoptionsupport.org](http://Adoptionsupport.org)

### **Centre For Addiction And Mental Health (Camh)**

This Toronto-based centre provides a wide range of clinical care services for patients of all ages and for family members.

[Camh.ca](http://Camh.ca)

### **Child And Family Services Review Board (Cfsrb)**

Conducts reviews and hearings on matters that affect children, youth and families in Ontario.

[Sjto.gov.on.ca/cfsrb](http://Sjto.gov.on.ca/cfsrb)

### **Child Welfare League Of Canada**

A national, membership-based charitable organization dedicated to promoting the safety and well-being of young people and their families, especially those who are vulnerable and marginalized.

[Cwlc.ca](http://Cwlc.ca)

### **Dave Thomas Foundation For Adoption**

Offers a variety of free resources, including a toolkit to propose and establish workplace adoption benefits, adoption awareness materials and adoption attitudes research.

[Davethomasfoundation.org](http://Davethomasfoundation.org)

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### **Foster Parent College**

U.S.-based online resource, offering webinars, training and information for foster, adoptive and kinship parents. Some agencies will have a login or accept certificates of completion towards training.

[Fosterparentcollege.com](http://Fosterparentcollege.com)

### **Foster Parents Society Of Ontario (Fpso)**

In addition to training, resources, support and an annual conference, the FPSO recognizes its members and their families, through bursaries and awards.

[Fosterparentssociety.org](http://Fosterparentssociety.org)

### **First Nations Child And Family Caring Society Of Canada**

Stands with First Nations children, youth and families so they have equitable opportunities to grow up safely at home, be healthy, get a good education and be proud of who they are.

[Fncaringsociety.com](http://Fncaringsociety.com)

### **Hague Training Online**

Offers educational services as a benefit to all families on their international adoption journey. (Some topics also applicable to domestic adoption)

[Haguetrainingonline.org](http://Haguetrainingonline.org)

### **Ministry Of Children, Community And Social Services (Mccss)**

Provides a variety of resources, documents and services for children and youth in Ontario.

[Children.gov.on.ca](http://Children.gov.on.ca)

### **National Association Of Therapeutic Parents (Natp)**

This UK-based international organization has lots of information on parenting children who have experienced trauma. Provides support circles, training, books, webinars and events.

[Naotp.com](http://Naotp.com)

### **National Foster Parent Association (Nfpa)**

A champion for the thousands of families that open their hearts and homes to the over 400,000 children in care the U.S.

[Nfpaonline.org](http://Nfpaonline.org)

### **North American Council On Adoptable Children (Nacac)**

A US-based organization with resources and support groups for parents and caregivers. NACAC also holds an annual conference and advocates for changes to legislation, within the U.S. [nacac.org](http://nacac.org)

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### **Ontario Association Of Children's Aid Societies (Oacas)**

A collective of Children's Aid Society agencies whose mission is to reimagine an effective children's welfare services system that supports all children, youth, families and communities, so they can thrive.

[Oacas.org](http://Oacas.org)

### **Parents For Children's Mental Health**

An Ontario-based organization, with chapters across the province, that provides mental health peer supports for children, youth and their families.

[Pcmh.ca](http://Pcmh.ca)

### **The National Child Traumatic Stress Network (Nctsn)**

An organization dedicated to raising the standard of care and improving access to services for traumatized children, their families and communities throughout the U.S.

[nctsn.org](http://nctsn.org)

### **United Foster Parents Of Canada Corporation (Ufpcc)**

Provides financial assistance and advice to members faced with a legal situation, as a result of fostering. Both for private and public foster caregivers.

[Ufpcc.com](http://Ufpcc.com)

### **Wendy's Wonderful Kids (Wwk)**

A charitable organization that finds adoptive homes for children waiting in Canada's foster care system. WWK offers resources and supports as well as connections to agencies with a WWK Worker.

[Davethomasfoundation.org/canada/wwk-in-canada](http://Davethomasfoundation.org/canada/wwk-in-canada)

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