

What is the AdoptOntario?

AdoptOntario is a program funded by the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services that is dedicated to supporting the adoption of Children in Extended Society Care (formerly known as Crown Wards) by helping make critical connections between Ontario families, Children's Aid Societies and private adoption workers. Operated by the Adoption Council of Ontario, the AdoptOntario program exists to support family finding and child specific recruitment initiatives for Children in Extended Society Care who have adoption as a permanency plan.

What is the Databank?

Adoption workers and private adoption practitioners in Ontario can register and search on the databank both AdoptReady families and waiting children for whom adoption is being sought.

The databank is a sophisticated and effective matching tool designed to collect extensive data and support comprehensive matching of families with children with complex needs and requirements. Profiles of both children in care waiting for families and approved families can be posted within the databank. Once posted, the databank can be used to automatically generate potential matches of children and prospective families. The databank is secure and supports safe collection of very detailed and sensitive material without risk.

Are you AdoptReady™? If you have completed both PRIDE training and the SAFE Homestudy, you are considered AdoptReady (started after January 1, 2008).

How to register?

1. Sign up or login to AdoptOntario.ca. Update your profile and select "I would like to create a new family registration in the databank."
2. Complete this form. Send this form and your homestudy (if desired) by email, fax or mail:
Email PDF: info@adoptontario.ca
Fax: 1-877-543-0009
Mail to: AdoptOntario Clinical Coordinator
PO Box 30010 RPO Boxgrove
Markham, Ontario L6B 0R5
3. Send your adoption worker or private practitioner a copy of the complete form as well.
4. Clinical coordinators enter your information and upload your homestudy. Then your family worker or practitioner will be notified; they are "assigned" to your databank registration.
5. Once you are on the databank and your ID is made "active", the databank can be used to automatically generate potential matches of children. Your worker or practitioner will receive monthly match updates.
6. Your worker or practitioner uses the Detailed Match Report as a tool to facilitate the connection of you and waiting children, as appropriate.
7. For all additional inquiries, please contact AdoptOntario at info@adoptontario.ca or call toll-free 1-877-ADOPT20 (236-7820) ext. 2222.

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Referring a Family to the AdoptOntario Adoption Resources Databank

SECTION A: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Parent Details:

Applicant 1		Applicant 2	
*Family Name		*Family Name	
*Primary Given Name		*Primary Given Name	
*Gender		*Gender	
*Birth Date (YYYY-MM-DD)		*Birth Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	
Religion		Religion	
Language(s)		Language(s)	
Race(s)		Race(s)	
Ethnicity(s)		Ethnicity(s)	
First Nations, Inuit, Métis Band/Status		First Nations, Inuit, Métis Band/Status	

Case Information:

Referring Worker	
*Worker Organization	
*Worker Name	
*Worker Contact Info	
*Family/ Applicant's Contact Info	

* = Mandatory Field

SECTION B: APPLICANT COMPETENCY LEVELS

(Note: the following sections correspond to the acceptable “Risks”, “Diagnoses”, and “Characteristics” sections of the databank)

Form Instructions: Rate the competency of the applicants to manage the related need/issue according to the following definitions.

Definitions of numbered ratings for applicant / family cases:

N/A – Not Applicable: the prospective parent finds this child risk/diagnoses/characteristic not applicable.

1 – Very Low Competence: the prospective parent has only slight ability and/or willingness to meet this child need or parent a child with this behaviour or characteristic.

2 – Low Competence: at this point in time, the prospective parent has low ability or willingness to meet this child need or manage this child characteristic or behaviour. More preparation and education is needed.

3 – Some Competence: the prospective parent is ready, willing and able to meet this child need or manage this child characteristic or behaviour provided needed support and guidance is available.

4 – Competent: the prospective parent is ready, and willing and able to meet this child need or manage this child characteristic or behaviour.

5 – Very Competent: the prospective parent is ready, willing and has an exceptional ability to meet this child need or manage this child characteristic or behaviour.

NOTE: TO ENSURE ACCURACY IN THE MATCHING, PLEASE ONLY CIRCLE AND RATE THE FACTORS THAT APPLY TO THE FAMILY.

Disclaimer: If you are unsure or uncertain about any part of the aspects asked about below, please contact your Worker to assist you and discuss further.

ACCEPTABLE RISKS

Risks Identified at Birth:

	Competency					
Exposure to HIV	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
No / Little Prenatal Care	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Premature Birth	N/A	1	2	3	4	5

Pre-natal Drug and Alcohol Exposure:

	Competency					
Alcohol Exposure	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Drug Exposure	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Drug Exposure - Prescription	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Drug Exposure - Tobacco	N/A	1	2	3	4	5

Genetic Risks:

	Competency					
Bipolar Disorder	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Developmental Delays	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Epilepsy / Seizures	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Genetic Condition	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Major Depressive Disorder	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Schizophrenia	N/A	1	2	3	4	5

ACCEPTABLE DIAGNOSES

Physical Disabilities:

	Competency					
Cerebral Palsy	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Likely to Require Major Surgery	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Orthopedic Irregularities	N/A	1	2	3	4	5

Medical Diagnoses:

	Competency					
Allergies – Pets	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Allergies – Smoking	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Anxiety Disorder	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Asthma Spectrum Disorder	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD)	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Developmental Trauma/ PTSD	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Eating Disorder	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Hydrocephalus	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Major Depressive Disorder						
Mood Disorder	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Obsessive Compulsive Disorder	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Personality Disorder	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Other (Explain in Notes)	N/A	1	2	3	4	5

COMPLEX DIAGNOSES

Physical Disabilities:

	Competency				
Spina Bifida	N/A	3	4	5	

Medical Diagnoses:

	Competency				
Autism Spectrum Disorder	N/A	3	4	5	
Chromosomal Syndrome	N/A	3	4	5	
Diabetes	N/A	3	4	5	
Epilepsy / Seizures	N/A	3	4	5	
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder	N/A	3	4	5	
Heart Defect	N/A	3	4	5	
Hepatitis B	N/A	3	4	5	
Hepatitis C	N/A	3	4	5	
HIV Positive	N/A	3	4	5	
Short Life Expectancy	N/A	3	4	5	

ACCEPTABLE CHARACTERISTICS

Developmental Disabilities:

	Competency					
Cognitive Delays	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Communicative Device						
Gross Motor Delays	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Language-Comprehension	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Language-Spoken	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Sign Language	N/A	1	2	3	4	5

Sensory Losses:

	Competency					
Hearing Impairment	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Sensory Integration Issues	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Tactile Hypersensitivity	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Vision Impairment	N/A	1	2	3	4	5

Learning Issues:

	Competency					
Language Learning Disability	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Mathematical Language Disability	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Memory Difficulties	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Organizational Processing Disability	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Specialized School Program Required	N/A	1	2	3	4	5

Experiences:

	Competency					
Deprivation / Neglect	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Experienced Abuse (Emotional, Physical, Sexual)	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Exposed to Domestic Violence						
Multiple Caregivers / Attachment Issues	N/A	1	2	3	4	5

Behaviour Exhibited:

	Competency					
Aggression	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Aggression towards Animals	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Anxious	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Destructiveness	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Difficulty Trusting Caregivers						
Disobedience	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Hyperactivity	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Intrusive	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Lying						
Running Away						
Self-Harming Behaviours	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Self Regulation Difficulties						
Separation Anxiety	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Sexualized Behaviours	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Sleep Disturbance						
Taking things without permission	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Withdrawal	N/A	1	2	3	4	5

Other Special Needs:

		Competency				
Accommodations for a Physical Disability	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Feeding / Special Diet Administration	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Proximity to Specifically-Needed Resource	N/A	1	2	3	4	5
Queer/ Questioning	N/A	1	2	3	4	5

SECTION C: CHILD SOUGHT (DESIRABILITY LEVELS)

- In the box to the left, check any of the particular characteristics desired in a child IF they apply. In this area, check only those that are truly important to the family, as checking too many will affect accurate matching.
- Rate any that apply according to the following numbered ratings:
 - 1 - Desirability of this characteristic by the family is **low**
 - 2 - Desirability of this characteristic by the family is **medium-low**
 - 3 - Desirability of this characteristic by the family is **medium**
 - 4 - Desirability of this characteristic by the family is **medium-high**
 - 5 - Desirability of this characteristic by the family is **high**
 - * - Desirability of this characteristic by the family is **MANDATORY**

NOTE: AN EXTENSIVE LIST OF RELIGIOUS AFFILIATIONS, ETHNICITIES, LANGUAGES, AND RACES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE FAMILY REGISTRATION SECTION OF THE ADOPTONTARIO DATABANK. ENTER HERE THE MOST RELEVANT ONES.

Ages of Children:

Age Range of child/ren sought	From:	To:
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Sibling Requirements:

Single Child only	Yes	No
Maximum number of siblings	2 3	4 5 6+

Gender of Children Sought: if open to all genders, please leave blank

Applies		Mandatory
	Female	
	Male	
	Androgynous	
	Transgender	
	Intersex	

Religious affiliations: if open to all religions, please leave blank

Applies	Specific Religious Affiliation(s) of Children Sought:	Desirability					Mandatory
		1	2	3	4	5	*
		1	2	3	4	5	*

Languages: if open to all languages, please leave blank

Applies	Specific Language(s) of Children Sought:	Desirability					Mandatory
		1	2	3	4	5	*
		1	2	3	4	5	*
		1	2	3	4	5	*

Races: if open to all races, please leave blank

Applies	Specific Race(s) of Children Sought:	Desirability					Mandatory
		1	2	3	4	5	
		1	2	3	4	5	*
		1	2	3	4	5	*
		1	2	3	4	5	*

Ethnicities: if open to all ethnicities, please leave blank

Applies	Specific Ethnicities of Children Sought:	Desirability					Mandatory
		1	2	3	4	5	
		1	2	3	4	5	*
		1	2	3	4	5	*
		1	2	3	4	5	*

Openness With: if open to all, please circle 5 for each relationship

Applies		Comfort Level					Mandatory
		1	2	3	4	5	
	Birth Parents	1	2	3	4	5	*
	Birth Relatives (Other)	1	2	3	4	5	*
	Birth Siblings	1	2	3	4	5	*
	Foster Family	1	2	3	4	5	*
	Native Community/Band	1	2	3	4	5	*
	Other (please note)	1	2	3	4	5	*
	Significant Community Member	1	2	3	4	5	*

Home Environment:

Home Environment	
Child in Home?	Yes / No Number of children:
DOB of youngest child	YYYY-MM-DD _____
Ethnicity of child/ren in Home?	
Pets in Home?	Yes / No Type(s):

Documents and Events:

Documents and Events	
*PRIDE Training	Date completed is required (YYYY-MM-DD):
Other Training	Specify:
*SAFE Homestudy	Date completed is required (YYYY-MM-DD):
Upload Homestudy to Databank	Fax to 1-877-543-0009 OR email a PDF to: info@adoptontario.ca

* = Mandatory Field

Birth Family History:

Are you open to a child who has no birth family history available (ex. no birth mother or birth father medical and/or social history available)?	Yes	No
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SECTION D: NOTES
Additional Information:

Note	AdoptOntario recommends that families create an online profile—only viewable to adoption professionals. You can add a short biography and photo. Sign up for a public user account on www.adoptontario.ca and complete the personal profile.
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Adoptive Applicant Consent for Adoption Resource Databank*

I/We (Applicant Full Name(s)) _____ give consent to our adoption practitioner / worker / agency (Name) _____ to enter my/our personal information (as contained in our adoption homestudy) for a Family Registration on the password protected professional section of the AdoptOntario website.

In providing this Consent, I / we understand the following:

- The purpose is to help facilitate a match with children in Ontario who need an adoptive family
- This information may only be viewed and used by authorized professionals in this province who work in the adoption field
- I/ We agree to notify our adoption practitioner/worker/agency to remove me/us from active status on the AdoptOntario databank once we have accepted a child proposal from any other source, so as not to be matched with another child.
- Our registration information will be retained on this databank to be possibly used for adoption research or statistical purposes, in a non-identifying manner to protect our personal privacy. Our full homestudy may be deleted and removed from the databank once no longer needed, if desired.
- I /We have the right to withdraw this Consent at any time, by notifying our adoption practitioner/worker/agency.

Check one or both of the following:

I / We consent to having information entered on the Databank as follows:

- On the Family Registration list with pertinent family information including the range of acceptance for a child.
- The full completed homestudy which may only be viewed with the permission of our adoption practitioner/worker/agency when a potential match is made.

*Applicant signature

Witness

Date

*Applicant signature

Witness

Date

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