



CCS Adoption 2023 Annual Achievement Report

Forward from CEO

I've had the privilege of being the Chief Executive since Spring 2022. I'm so proud of the staff, trustees and volunteers and how together we have found a way to reorganise and reshape the charity into a sustainable organisation for the future. Over the last year we've worked with hundreds of adoption families, seeing them through their assessments, meeting their children for the first time and providing therapy and support. We remain a strong organisation that is firmly focused on helping children, families and supporting adult adoptees to access birth records.

Our key achievements

19 new families approved to adopt

21 children placed for adoption

101 children accessed our therapeutic services

183 families accessed The Centre For Adoption Support

Our values

Child
Centric

Accepting
& Inclusive

Leading
& Pioneering

Responsible
& Sustainable



Our Mission



Our mission is to create a positive future for children by building families and enabling them to grow and thrive.



Our Vision



A world where every child grows up in a safe loving family.







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Finding Families for Children

In the last 5 years CCS has helped 118 families be approved as adopters and placed 158 children with their new adoptive parents.

-  CCS received enquiries from 223 households, making their first enquiries about adoption.
-  We held 13 information events, 2 for the LGBTQ+ community and 1 focused on ethnic minority children. 142 households attended these events in total.
-  CCS held 48 days of training for adopters.
-  85% of respondents attending Day 1 training rated the session 9/10 or higher, with 91% of that group rated the training 10/10.

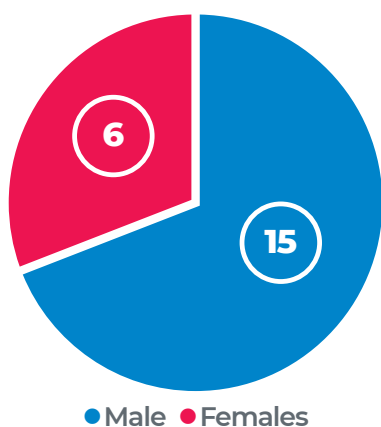


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What our families say about CCS Adoption
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Children finding families in 2023

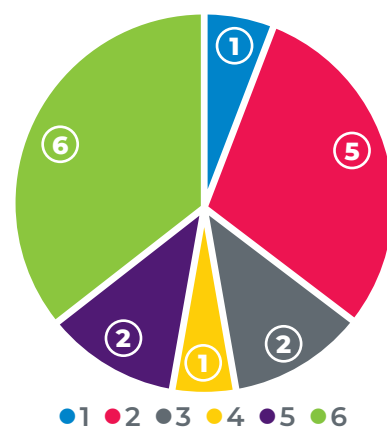
Gender of children



Single children or siblings placed together



Ages of children when they moved in with adopters





ADOPTION SUPPORT - In total 110 families received adoption support from our team of social worker and social worker assistant. CCS Families have also benefitted from CATCH <https://www.catchconnect.org/>

Adoption Panel

CCS held 11 panels this year and approved 19 new households. A huge thank you to our panel members who bring a wide range of professional and personal experience to this role and kindly volunteer their time to help approve adopters.

Birth records and Intermediary work

-  We've completed 11 access to files with adopted adults and written file summaries for these adoptees.
-  We've received 31 enquires about birth records and intermediary services, signposting people to other agencies or website information where necessary.

The Centre for Adoption Support

183 FAMILIES ATTENDING CENTRE SERVICES

-  **Tots Group**
A playgroup for new adopters to bring their children, two mornings a week, to play in a safe and friendly environment.
-  **Prime and A-Team**
Regular 6 week activity programmes for adopted Tweens and teenagers. Partnering with local organisations such as Empire Fighting Chance and Horse World.
-  **Wild 'n' Free**
Half-day sessions run with Bristol Forest School allow parents to develop healthy attachment with their children in a relaxed and outdoor space.
-  **Parent Support Groups**
Meet monthly and aim to develop confidence and resilience, giving parents the chance to get together, share their worries, and develop coping strategies. These groups are for Mums, Dads, Singles and LGBT+ parents.
-  **Create and Connect**
Social support and network group with arts and crafts at its heart. Run as a series of short creative activity courses - 4 courses per year.



Therapeutic service – key achievements



38 consultations

Were completed by associate Clinical Psychologists



Clinical Assessments

Completed with 11 families by our psychologists.




Therapeutic Interventions

48 packages of therapeutic support to adoptive families were completed



Therapeutic Training

Hearts and Minds parenting programme, The 8 week training programme ran three times this year and 32 families attended.



“Your voice has been reason, comfort and encouragement throughout our time working together, and we will miss you a ridiculous amount. Your unshakeable support, your empathy and your ideas have been beyond value to us and, no doubt, to the girls.”

“I’ll be repeating your words in my head forever and endeavour to use the Hearts & Minds training every day.”

Partners and supporters

SWAC (South West Adoption Consortium) is hosted by CCS Adoption. Nine Adoption Agencies work together to provide a wide range of best practice groups, family finding events, training and opportunities for professional networking.

Let’s celebrate

CCS adoption was the recipient of the 2022 agency commendation award from New Family Social’s LGBTQ+ adopter and foster carer members.

One LGBTQ+ adoptive parents nominating the agency said: *“Throughout our whole adoption process CCS Adoption was so supportive. The staff went out of their way to help with the settlement of our children into our family. CCS Adoption provided specialist services to our family and ongoing support post adoption. We truly couldn’t have asked for a better team of dedicated people.”*



“The agency clearly demonstrates a long-term commitment to families throughout the different stages of a child’s development.”



Our partners

We've also celebrated the great partnerships we have with:

- HorseWorld
- All Aboard Watersports
- Beacon Music Centre
- Wild Place Project
- Empire Fighting Chance
- Adoption West
- Aquarium
- SS Great Britain
- Square food foundation
- Forest School
- YOUTH Moves Round House
- HAF (from Bristol city council)

CCS is proud to be supportive innovation and development in adoption at a regional and national level. CCS sits on the board of Adoption West and the CVAA and attends the National Adoption Matching group.

Fundraising

CCS ADOPTION is dependent on fundraising to finance the post-adoption support services provided through The Centre.

Thanks to the generosity of CCS supporters and in particular an individual donor, the Organisation raised a total of £97,004. A major donation was received from Dr Gareth Rees, who pledged further donations over the following 3 years, in memory of his wife Dr Corinne Rees who was a community paediatrician in Bristol specialising in adoption.



We are always looking for new partners and supporters – please get in touch

Our 2023 reporting period is April 22 to March 23



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