



Achievement Report 2024



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CEO

I'm excited to share our 2024 report, highlighting our achievements and impact over the past year. It has been a remarkable year as we celebrate our amazing adoptive families, our 120th anniversary, our official name change to CCS Adoption, and our 5th consecutive "Outstanding" rating from Ofsted since 2010, thanks to the dedication of our CCS team. Additionally, we've outlined our nine strategic aims in our Strategic Plan 2024-2027, focusing on development and future sustainability.





Recruiting and training adopters to meet the needs of adopted children

CCS Adoption recruits adoptive families for priority children: sibling groups, older children, ethnic minorities, and those with additional needs. We proudly recruit adopters from diverse backgrounds. Around 3,000 children are adopted from care in England each year. The average age at adoption is 3 years and 4 months, and children wait an average of 1 year and 7 months between entering care and being adopted. These crucial early years are marked by loss and trauma, with many having faced neglect, abuse, or prenatal drug or alcohol exposure.

In 2023/24 we...



saw **227** households make their first enquiry about adoption.



held **12** information events with **138** households attending.



approved **8** new families to adopt



held **24** preparation courses for potential adopters.

Building Families

Reducing the Impact of Early Trauma: Many adopted children come from backgrounds of neglect, abuse, or loss, affecting their ability to trust and form attachments. Strong, stable relationships with adoptive parents help children feel safe, valued, and loved, supporting their wellbeing.

At CCS Adoption, we offer lifelong adoption support through our Social Work Service, Therapy Service, and Social Events. This year, 183 families benefitted from accessing Adoption Support through specialist events and activities.



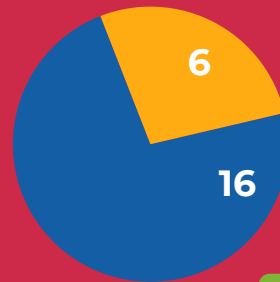
“Adopters report many examples of how the excellent support from the agency has prevented disruption and helped to build the adoptive families’ resilience through difficulties and challenges.”

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In the last five years, CCS Adoption have placed

156 children

In 2023/224, 22 children found new homes with adoptive families



Single children

In sibling groups

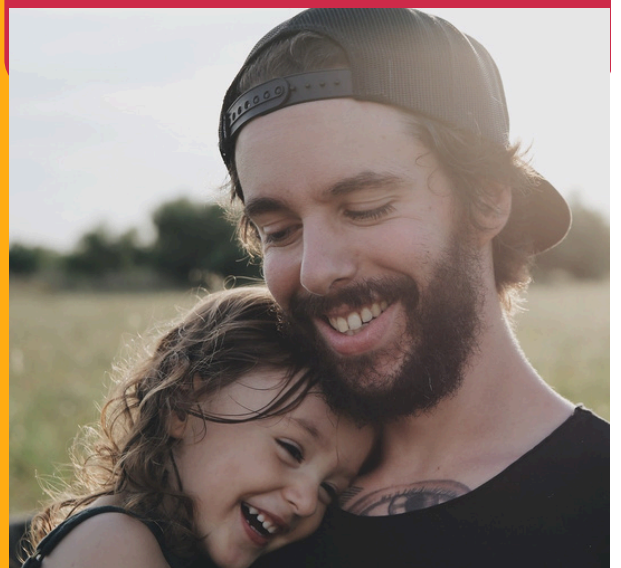
All children aged between 1-9 years

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1-4 yrs

5-9yrs





Adoptees understand their life journey

Many adopted children struggle with questions about their past, particularly if they have experienced multiple placements, neglect, or abuse before adoption. Helping children understand their life story in a truthful and supportive way is crucial for their emotional development and sense of identity. Children who are supported to understanding their adoption identity and trauma tend to have higher self-esteem and a stronger sense of belonging. CCS Adoption is dedicated to getting the right services to adopters and adoptees and offer timely access to a wider range of therapy, assessments and specialist activities to explore their childhood experiences.



12 clinical assessments by Clinical Psychologists


41 consultations were completed by Clinical Psychologists

40 therapy packages

101 children accessed our therapeutic services.

12 adoptees accessed their birth records

41 parents participated in the therapeutic Hearts and Minds course



Specialist activities supporting children’s development



HorseWorld Discovery

4 six-week courses that bring children together with gentle rescued horses. The programme is carefully designed and highly structured; focusing on outdoor activities with horses; boosting confidence; emotional well-being
24 children attended.

Holiday Hub

21 days of fun activities for children and young people of all ages during the Easter and Summer School holidays.

88 children attended.

All Aboard Watersports

3 sessions for 23 young people.

To build self esteem and confidence and interact with other adoptees.



Facilitating Peer Support

Developing relationships with peers who share similar experiences can create a network of support for both adoptive parents and children. For children, peer relationships are vital in helping them develop a sense of identity and belonging, For parent they can create a life-long support network that offers opportunities to share challenges and strategies that can help them navigate complex parenting issues. Our peer support groups offered this year;

“The CCS Tots group is essential for families in the early days of an adoption placement, at such an incredibly stressful and challenging time, it’s so reassuring to know there are families who are going through the same thing and staff who understand the daily challenges you’re facing whilst offering such excellent advice.” Tots Parent



4 Mums and Dads Socials

Peer support group that meets monthly for mutual support and connection with others with shared experiences.

71 Tots Sessions

A specialist weekly playgroup for adopted children aged 0 to 4 and their parents which takes place 2 mornings a week.

Attended by 25 children and their parents.

11 LGBTQ+ Coffee Mornings

A monthly peer support group that offers families the opportunity for mutual support and sharing experiences. Attended by 98 children and 98 parents.

4 Family Fun days at the Roundhouse

68 families coming together to sharing experiences, support and have fun..

Lifelong Support

Our aim is that CCS parents are skilled and confident in parenting their adoptive children and can meet their changing needs, forever.



44 training sessions or workshops for adopters and prospective adopters.

Our Social workers and Assistant Social Workers are actively supporting families **75** at any one time.

‘I feel like I have an army of advocates from the agency around my child.’

Adopter, Ofsted Report



Training sessions in 2023/24

“Theraplay was very interesting, some of the tips and advice given during this session on how to use play to connect with our children, and to help work through difficult situations was really helpful.

I was really impressed to hear that the 2nd training day for Therapeutic Parenting held after matching, and is specifically catered to the child we'd be adopting. That's an amazing thing to offer.”

Adoptive Parent

- 4 Stage 1 Preparation Courses
- 3 Stage 2 Preparation Courses
- 5 Friends and Family Workshops
- 5 Safer Care evening sessions
- 3 Therapeutic Parent (part 1 & 2) Training days
- 2 Linking and Matching workshops
- 2 Exploring Your Future Family workshops

264 attendees

36 families

52 family members



CATCH

is an online resource for adoptive parents, we provided **30** licenses to parents this year.

“The agency benefits from exceptionally high-quality leadership and management. Leaders and managers are inspirational, confident, and ambitious for the agency and for children and adopters. The agency’s development plan is very detailed. It demonstrates a clear and ambitious vision for the future of the agency to ensure that it remains financially viable and continues to offer adoption services of high quality.”

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