



Achievement Report 2025



"At CCS Adoption, we believe every child should have the opportunity to grow up in a safe, loving, and permanent home. Our commitment to recruiting and supporting adopters is unwavering, and we are proud of the life-changing impact our work has on children and families every day."

Emma Simpson, CEO

Celebrating

120

years of CCS
Adoption

Found homes for

175

children in the
last six years

This year

159

families accessed our
adoption support events

Social Work Team
supporting

80

families at any
one time

Ofsted
Outstanding
Provider

We have been rated
by Ofsted as

OUTSTANDING!

Supporting families for 120 years

Celebrating our 120th birthday
with CCS Families at our BIG
birthday party!



"Both our children love going to CCS events, it allows us to normalise adoption. We get to explain that every child there is adopted, and that the adults are either adopters or potential adopters. This massively helps our children know they are not alone."

CCS Adopter

Tots

21 families

attended a specialist playgroup for adopted children (0-4) and their parents, held twice weekly.

LGBTQ+ Coffee Mornings

27 families

joined a monthly peer support group for families to share experiences and offer mutual support.

Family Fun events

91 families

attended 10 family fun events for peer support and fun.

"CCS tots group was a real lifeline for me and a chance to meet other adoptive families. I have made friends for life here. We still meet regularly with our tots cohort."

CCS Adopter

Behind the scenes

In 2024/2025 CCS had **33** team members and **44** volunteers including Trustees, panel members and event volunteers.





Recruiting adopters



208 households made their first enquiry about adoption.

We held **12** information events with 100 households attending.

We approved **13** new families to adopt.

We held **34** preparation courses for potential adopters.

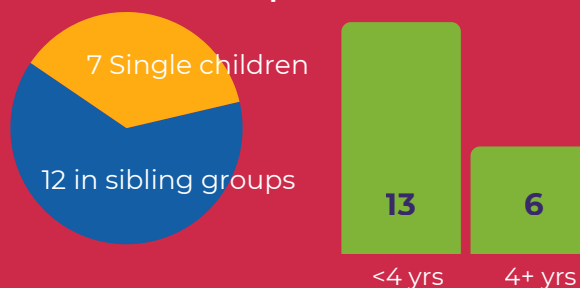


We're now recruiting in Somerset



40 enquiries from Somerset in our first year.

In 2024/25, 19 children found new homes with adoptive families



"Recruiting adopters who can offer safe, loving, and lasting homes is at the heart of what we do. We walk alongside our adopters from the very beginning of their journey. Our team is dedicated to finding the right match for every child and ensuring adopters feel confident, informed, and supported throughout the process."

Charlie Delahunty, Head of Adoption



Adoption Support

9

Clinical
assessments
by Clinical
Psychologists

43

Consultations
by Clinical
Psychologists

61

Therapy
packages

38

Parents
attended a
Hearts and
Minds course

"Adoption brings both joy and challenge, and our support is here for every part of that journey. We offer therapeutic services, activities and social events and practical guidance that help families build strong, stable, trusting relationships and navigate the complexities of parenting with confidence."

Laura Shields, Adoption Support Manager



Specialist social activities supporting children's development



"We genuinely do not like to think about where we would be without CCS! It would be a very dark place, perhaps it may have even meant a breakdown of our family."

CCS Adopter



65 families



attended **37 sessions** of social activities and programmes for adopted children and young people.

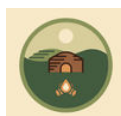
Thank you to our partners who help us provide activities for both children and young people and their families.

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ZOOLOGICAL
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Being
Softplay Family Centre

we the curious



SUPER SENSE
PLAY • LEARN • GROW



Youth moves

MENDIP
ACTIVITY CENTRE

ICC & FC
THE INNS COURT COMMUNITY & FAMILY CENTRE

Goblin
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HorseWorld

EMPIRE
FIGHTING
CHANCE

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Training 2024/25



"Our adoption preparation training aims to provide the tools, understanding and resilience needed to parent children who have experienced early trauma. Training is lead by an experienced adopter with prospective adopters learning through a series of case studies, activities and discussions, and through listening to the varied experiences of our adopter and adoptee speakers."

Jane Thompson, Training Officer



Courses and Workshops

- 5 Stage 1 Preparation
- 3 Stage 2 Preparation
- 4 Friends and Family
 - 3 Safer Care
- 12 Therapeutic Parent (part 1 & 2)
 - 4 Linking and Matching
- 3 Exploring Your Future Family
- 1 Preparing for Tweens & Teens
 - 2 Life Story
- 3 Supporting Your Child in Education

385 attendees

65 family members

Preparing for Tweens and Teens
Prepares and supports adopters parenting their children as they grow towards, or begin, their adolescent years.

Life Story Workshop
Learn how to support your children to understand and express feelings about their early life experiences and relationships.

Supporting Your Child in Education
Supports you as an adopter in choosing educational settings, understanding educational triggers and hotspots and how to access support.

New workshops this year

A BIG thank you

At the end of the year, the Government announced significant cuts to the Adoption and Special Guardianship Support Fund (ASGSF). So we:

- Set up a fund to fill the gap in funding so families could continue to receive vital therapy, and thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we raised **£10,450.**
- We are reviewing the way we deliver our adoption support including new therapeutic workshops for 2025.

Thanks also to our adopters and adoptees who are getting involved in our forums, surveys, and supporting our development.

One of our strategic aims is to better recognise and celebrate the lived experience of adoptees and adopters.

Strategic Aims
2024-2027



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