

## INFORMATION ABOUT ADOPTING IN MANITOBA



In Manitoba, the Department of Family Services & Housing oversees all adoption issues. You should begin by consulting the web site:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/childfam/adoption.html>

We also suggest that you refer to the Glossary on our website: [http://www.adoption.ca/AboutAdoption\\_Glossary.html](http://www.adoption.ca/AboutAdoption_Glossary.html). This will help you to better understand some of the common terminology that you will encounter during your research and dialogue about adoption.

The first step in any adoption process is to have a complete homestudy (professional family / home assessment to determine your suitability to adopt) done by a social worker.

### **Prospective adoptive parents in Manitoba have four options to consider:**

1. **Private agency:** the cost involved can vary based on the services provided. For additional info, please visit:  
[http://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/childfam/private\\_adoption.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/childfam/private_adoption.html)
2. **Public agency:** you can contact your local Child & Family Services office. There is no cost involved for this option. Be sure to ask about any pre-adoption education and information sessions that are available for you to attend. For a list of Child & Family Services offices, go to:  
<http://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/locations/cfsagencies.html#department>
3. **International adoption:** information about this option is available from the Provincial Adoption Coordinator, 204-945-1186 or online at:  
[http://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/childfam/intercountry\\_adoption.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/fs/childfam/intercountry_adoption.html)
4. **Canada's Waiting Children (CWC):** set-up and operated by the Adoption Council of Canada, this program aims to recruit families for children who are waiting for adoption in Canada. Since the ACC is not a placement agency, the adoptive parent(s) must still have a homestudy done through a private or public agency in their province. Information and details about our program are online at: [www.canadaswaitingkids.ca](http://www.canadaswaitingkids.ca)

The Family Helper website is another good source for information. You might find the following guides useful:

- Domestic Adoption: <http://www.familyhelper.net/fh/fhdom.html>
- Adoption & Money: <http://www.familyhelper.net/fh/fhmoney.html>
- Intercountry Adoption: <http://www.familyhelper.net/ad/adguide.html>

Finally, <http://www.parentbooks.ca/Adoption.html> is an excellent resource for individuals in all steps of the adoption process.

**Should you have any questions about this material, please do not hesitate to contact the Adoption Council of Canada: [info@adoption.ca](mailto:info@adoption.ca) or 1-888-54-ADOPT.**