

## INFORMATION ABOUT ADOPTING IN THE YUKON



In the Yukon, the Department of Health & Social Services oversees all adoption issues. The website is: <http://hss.gov.yk.ca/>

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 assessment to determine your suitability to adopt), usually done by a social worker.

Prospective adoptive parents in the Yukon should contact the Family & Children's Services Branch of Health & Social Services to discuss available adoption options (ie: public agency, private, or international) and find out how to proceed:

Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon  
Canada Y1A 2C6  
Phone: (867) 667-3002, Toll free (In Yukon): 1-800-661-0408, local 3002  
Fax: (867) 393-6204  
Email: [hss@gov.yk.ca](mailto:hss@gov.yk.ca)

You may also want to consider the **Canada's Waiting Children program**: 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.