

LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The programme is subject to change depending on feedback from adoptive parents and young people.

Talking with children about adoption and using life story books

Adolescence and Identity in adopted children

Facing up to Facebook and other social media

Emotional Development in Adopted Children

Grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings – becoming a family through adoption

Making sense of your child's non-verbal communication

Who's in charge?

Negotiating issues of control with adopted children

Understanding and managing sibling rivalry

Thinking and talking about transitions

Maintaining and managing contact with birth families

Email Adoption.Training@Kent.gov.uk to book or find out more about these workshops and courses



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Post Adoption Support Team

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Kent County Council, in partnership with Coram provides support to adoptive parents, children and young people once an Adoption Order is granted.

Kent and Coram have developed a **PATH** approach to post adoption support:

- **Psychological** - the approach is underpinned by a psychodynamic and systemic understanding of the family and evidence based practice.
- **Adaptable** - a flexible approach - providing therapeutic interventions in response to the need.
- **Tailored** – our approach is designed to work in partnership with adoptive families to meet their individual needs.
- **Holistic** - our multidisciplinary team draws from the expertise of different disciplines, including social work.



Information and Advice Helpline

During office hours from 9:00 to 17:00 a staff member will take details and forward these on to the Post Adoption Team. The Post Adoption Team will arrange for an initial telephone discussion to agree the next steps.

The Multidisciplinary Team

Social Work Team Manager
Clinical Lead
Child & Adolescent Psychotherapist
Systemic and Family Psychotherapist
Adult Psychotherapist
Music Psychotherapist
Social Work Practitioners
Administrator

The model is defined by the level of assessed need, which is set out in the following Tiers of service provision.

TIER 1 - Universal

Adoptive families can access tier one services:

Learning and Development programme.
(see current programme)

Therapeutic Support Groups

Parenting Skills Programmes

TIER 2 - Targeted

Adoptive families who require further advice in liaising with other services will be supported by the team.

TIER 3 - Specialist

Consultation will be followed up, if appropriate with assessment and/or brief therapeutic interventions.

TIER 4 - Acute

The team will refer or liaise with Specialist Services if required.

