



## ARE YOU READY TO ADOPT A CHILD?

AT MOTHER'S CHOICE, WE BELIEVE  
THE BEST PLACE FOR CHILDREN IS IN  
A SAFE, LOVING, AND PERMANENT FAMILY.



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Mother's Choice

# WHAT IS ADOPTION?

Adoption is a great act of giving love, and at Mother's Choice, we have the privilege of helping to build families through adoption. We believe every family is unique, and that family is defined by love, not blood.

Adoption is the permanent legal transfer of all parental rights from one family to another. Adoptive parents have the same rights and responsibilities as biological parents, and adopted children have the same emotional, social, and legal benefits as biological children.

## MOTHER'S CHOICE LOCAL ADOPTION SERVICES

Mother's Choice is an Adoption Services Provider, accredited by the Social Welfare Department of Hong Kong. We are one of three partner agencies who provide services and suitability assessments for prospective adoptive families.



## ELIGIBILITY TO ADOPT

Applicants may begin the process of adoption if they meet the following criteria, set by the Social Welfare Department.

Adoption applicants (couples and single parents) should have:

- A strong desire to be parents and to make a permanent commitment to the child
- Strong family relationships (if married – a stable marriage for over 3 years)
- Good physical and mental health to raise a child (confirmed by medical examination)
- Stable and sufficient education, employment, financial resources, and accommodation
- Residency in Hong Kong for one year and plans to stay for at least one more year after adoption
- No criminal record
- At least 25 years of age

# WHAT SUPPORT DOES MOTHER'S CHOICE PROVIDE?

Adoption is a lifelong journey, and we commit to walking alongside applicants, adoptive families, and their children throughout the process, and beyond, even after the adoption is complete.

## SERVICES FOR APPLICANTS

Available to Mother's Choice adoption applicants

We support prospective adoptive families at every stage of the assessment process by matching you with a dedicated social worker and providing valuable pre-adoption trainings on subjects including bonding & attachment, grief & loss, talking to your child about adoption, and root tracing.

## SERVICES FOR ADOPTIVE PARENTS

Available to all adoptive families

When matched with a child, we will support your family's transition and are here to help with any questions during the child's placement period. We provide ongoing post-adoption training on topics related to adoption & parenting, and opportunities for families to connect with one another.

## SERVICES FOR ADOPTEES

Available to all adopted children

We support children throughout their transition to family life, provide opportunities for adoptees to meet one another, and assist adoptees who are interested in learning about their history.

\*Please note that choosing Mother's Choice as an Adoption Services Provider does not necessarily mean that your child will have lived under the care of Mother's Choice.



## THE ADOPTION PROCESS

This process allows your Adoption Service Provider to assess your suitability to adopt a child.

- 1** **Adoption Briefing Session**  
Attend the mandatory briefing session organized by the Adoption Unit of the Social Welfare Department.
- 2** **Choose an Adoption Services Provider**  
If you choose Mother's Choice as your Adoption Services provider, you will be invited to:
  - Submit a completed Questionnaire
  - Get to know us at a group engagement session
  - Meet with your Mother's Choice social worker
- 3** **Submit Application Packet**  
Provide proof of employment, income, education, and health.
- 4** **Pre-Adoption Training**  
Attend two sessions to support you when parenting a child.

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#### Social Worker Assessment

Interviews with applicants and referees, criminal record check, and home visit.

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#### Wait for a Match

Approved applicants will be placed in the central pool to wait for a match.

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#### Matching

Once you have been matched, your social worker will introduce the child's file before you decide whether to accept the match.

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#### Welcome the Child Home

Mother's Choice will support your family during your child's initial transition to your home.

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#### Adoption Finalization

After a minimum of six months, the Court will ensure that the adoption is in the best interests of the child before granting an Adoption Order.

This is the end of the adoption process, but just the beginning of your journey as a family! Mother's Choice is here to support you every step of the way.

## FEES

Applicants are required to pay the following fees\*:

HK \$3,000

Mother's Choice suitability assessment fee

HK\$4,440

Social Welfare Department guardian ad litem fee

HK\$283

Hong Kong Criminal Record Check fee

\*subject to revision

“My wife and I always wanted to have children, but there were still just two of us in our family. A friend of ours adopted a child and encouraged us to consider it, but I could not accept the idea of raising a child who was not related to me by blood. Several years later, I read an interview of an adoptive father and I was deeply touched by his words. Something clicked, and I realized that I was ready to begin the adoption process. Now, we have our child, and there is nothing in the world that can replace our relationship as father and son. Just like any other parents, there are challenges awaiting us as our son grows up, but my wife and I are thankful for the honor to become parents!

Mr Chung, adoptive father

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Mother's Choice is a local charity serving the many children without families and pregnant teenagers in Hong Kong. Since 1987, we have joined hands with our community to give hope and change the life stories of vulnerable girls and babies.