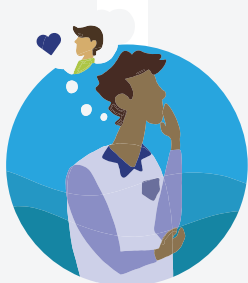




Domestic Adoption in Saskatchewan

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Interested in Adoption?

Request a Domestic Adoption E-package from the Adoption Support Centre of Saskatchewan (ASCS). Read through the entire package. This e-package can be requested online through our website www.adoptionsask.org or you can call our office at 306-665-7272 to request one. A mandatory part of the domestic adoption process is to complete a pre-adoption education program called the **Domestic Adoption Orientation (DAO)** with ASCS.

2.



DAO Registration Form

After reading through the domestic adoption e-package, (should you choose to engage in the domestic adoption process) you can complete the DAO registration online (a link is provided in your e-package). You will be prompted to enter required information and print a mail slip to send to ASCS, along with a cheque for the DAO fee of \$125 (subject to change). Please note: ASCS **MUST** receive the mail slip with the DAO fee, so that we may match it with your online registration.

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3.



Booking Your DAO Consultation

Once your registration form is received by ASCS, someone from our office will contact you to book your DAO consultation appointment. During this consultation we will provide you with more in-depth information and an opportunity to ask questions. This appointment can be done in our office in Saskatoon, over the phone, or via video conference. The staff at ASCS work with clients all over Saskatchewan and phone appointments are common and often necessary.

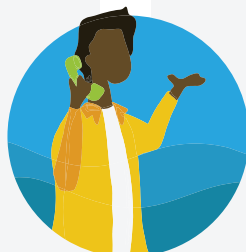
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DAO Guidebook and Workbooks

After your DAO consultation appointment, you will receive a DAO Guidebook and Workbook(s). You complete the workbook(s) at your own pace, and you keep them for your personal use/reference moving forward in the domestic adoption process. The workbook(s) do NOT have to be submitted to our office. We ask that you do the workbook(s) individually and compare responses with your partner or support person (if applicable) once you have completed the workbook(s).

5.



Formal Application Process

After you have completed the workbook(s), you will decide if/when you are ready to begin the formal application process for domestic adoption with the Ministry of Social Services (MSS). When you are ready for your formal referral to MSS, you simply phone our office and one of the ASCS staff will assist you in preparing your referral.

6.



Referral to the MSS Supervisor

ASCS will make your referral to the MSS supervisor for your region. Within 1 month, an MSS adoption worker will be in contact with you by phone or email. At this time, they will set up a meeting with you where you will prepare to submit your domestic adoption application form to the MSS.

7.



Application Review

After your domestic adoption application has been submitted to MSS it will be reviewed. Once approved it will be sent to the Central Adoption Registry (CAR), where you will be placed on the waitlist to be released for Parent Resources for Information Development and Education (PRIDE) training and your Mutual Family Assessment (MFA). While you are waiting to be released for PRIDE training and your MFA, this is a great opportunity for you to access resources at ASCS. MSS will inform you when you have been released and you will be assigned an adoption worker to complete the MFA assessment. The worker conducting your MFA will provide you with PRIDE registration information.

8.



MFA and PRIDE Training

The PRIDE training and your MFA can take 5 months or more to complete. Upon completion of your MFA and PRIDE training, you will be waiting for child selection based on your range of acceptance. We cannot provide you with a timeline of how long this may take. It is dependent on many variables. After two years of approved status, applicants will be required to update their MFA, criminal records/vulnerable sectors check, medical checks and references.

9.



Contact from an Adoption Worker

If/when you are selected/matched you will be contacted by an adoption worker. You will be provided an opportunity to review information and consider the proposed adoption.

10.



Transition Plan

If you choose to proceed, a transition plan will commence. Each adoption plan is unique, and the needs of the child or children must be considered in each permanency plan. A match can happen anywhere in Saskatchewan and the adoptive applicants will be expected to visit the child in his/her community as a part of the transition plan.

Transitioning a child to your care takes time and patience for all involved. It can be an exciting yet challenging time for you and the child(ren) being placed with you. Be sure to ask as many questions as you feel the need to ask and be sure that you have your support network.

11.



Adoption Finalization

The finalization of an adoption (where a child(ren) is/are in your care full time and permanently) may take time i.e., up to one year. It depends on the child and the situation. Having a strong circle of support is helpful. The members on your adoption team (including but not limited to MSS and ASCS) are a part of that team and are available to answer questions /concerns that may arise for you. Referrals to other community agencies are a normal part of support services.