

ABOUT OUR AGENCY

Child and Family Services of Western Manitoba is a private, non-profit, community-based charitable Agency, led by a community-elected and community-represented Board of Directors.

The goals of our Agency are to:



Strengthen and support families



Protect children from neglect, abuse and exploitation



Ensure children in our care are nurtured and supported in ways that promote their well-being



Work in partnership with the community



Continue to lead in the advancement of health and well-being of children and families of Western Manitoba

We accomplish these goals by offering family strengthening programs and preventative resources to Westman communities.

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ADOPTION SERVICES

Adoption is a life long process that begins with the joining of a child who is emotionally and legally ready to have a new family, with parents who are suitable, capable, and willing to provide permanency.

Children in need of a permanent family come from all age groups and situations: newborn, preschool, school age, siblings who need to be placed together and children who are emotionally, physically, or cognitively challenged.

Adoption Services operate out of the Family and Community Development Centre.

The Centre is open Mondays through Fridays from 8:30am until 4:30pm.

Adoption Services

At CFS of Western Manitoba, our adoption workers support the family through the entire process, from helping prospective families discover if adoption is right for them to recommending that the adoption is finalized through the court system.

Our Agency provides services for:



Private, Agency, International, DeFacto, and Family Adoptions



Adoption Home Studies



Adoption Education



Adoption Placements, private and Agency placements



Openness Agreements

Adoption Process

- Inquiry interview
- Submission of application
- Adoption Homestudy (approval is decided at this stage)
- Registration with the Central Adoption Registry
- Match is found
- Acceptance of Referral (occurs after document review)
- Transitioning of child to adoptive placement
- Adoption Probation period begins
- Recommendation that the adoption be finalized and submit for court approval

Birth Parents

More and more birth parents are choosing to remain in their child's life after adoption. Openness Agreements are designed to be agreed upon by both parties. Openness may involve: exchange of letters, photos, gifts, or visitations.

There is a growing understanding of the child's need and right to know their birth family and of the birth family's desire to maintain contact.

Please note that fees do apply

