



Adoptive Families
Association of BC



get the facts about adoption: the story behind the numbers

- Over 1,300 British Columbian children are currently wait-listed for adoption. About 150 of these children are less than 2 years of age. Others are older. Some are teens.
- Over one-third are Aboriginal or Métis children and need an approach that will honour their cultural heritage.
- There are almost 200 groups of siblings that need to be adopted together.
- Some children have been exposed to alcohol or drugs. These children have had a rough start in life, but with love and adequate support, they do amazingly well.
- While awaiting adoption, these children live in foster care, under the care of the Ministry.
- Profiles of children waiting to be adopted are available at the website of the Ministry for Children and Family Development.
- Approximately 300 children annually are adopted from the Ministry.
- You do not have to register with an agency to adopt one of BC's waiting children.

