



Family Connexions Birth Family Support

An independent service provided by Adoption Central England to support birth families affected by adoption.

Who are we?

Family Connexions is a confidential and independent service offering support, information and advice to all birth families within the ACE region (Coventry, Solihull, Warwickshire, Worcestershire and Herefordshire) affected by adoption.

Family Connexions social workers can work with birth families from the point that an adoption decision is made in respect of their child(ren) for as little or as long as needed to support them through the adoption process. The service is an outreach service, with various support options available to birth parents and birth families.

Referrals to the service should be made at the point that the plan of adoption is agreed by the Agency Decision Maker and at key points in their adoption journey following this, eg

- * When a Placement Order is granted
- * When a match has been identified
- * When an Adoption Order has been granted

What do we do?

Family Connexions services include:

- * One to one emotional support and advice both during and after the adoption process
- * Explanation of the adoption process
- * Support with the practical aspects of the adoption process, including support with letterbox contact and/or meeting with adopters
- * Future life planning including signposting to other universal support services
- * Group sessions for birth parents and extended family members across the ACE region
- * Support with any reunification plans led by the adopted child and their adoptive parents

If you would like more information, would like to make a referral to the service or discuss a case please contact the Family Connexions service on

0300 369 0556 and ask to speak to a member of the team

or alternatively email

familyconnexions@aceadoption.com

All referrals should be emailed to the address above

