

THINKING ABOUT ADOPTION? A GUIDE FOR LGBTQ+ FAMILIES

Adoption is open to everyone. Whether you're single, in a relationship, married, trans, non-binary, gay, lesbian, bisexual, or queer—**your love, stability, and commitment are what matter most.**

Yorkshire Adoption Agency (YAA) proudly welcomes LGBTQ+ adopters and is here to support you every step of the way.

✓ Quick Readiness Checklist

Are you:

- Over 21 years old?
- Able to provide a stable and loving home?
- Living in a part of the British Isles for at least one year and have leave to remain?
- Emotionally ready for the lifelong journey of parenting?
- Financially able to support a child's everyday needs?
- Surrounded by a supportive network of friends or family?
- Open to learning about adoption-related challenges?
- Able to confirm that neither you nor any adult in your household has been convicted or cautioned in respect of a serious offence of violence or an offence against children?

If you answered "yes" to most of these, you're already on the right path! ✨

🧑🧒 Things to Consider

Some children wait longer than others for adoption. If you can consider children from these groups, you can be matched much quicker.

- **Adopting brothers and sisters:** Keeping brothers and sisters together is rewarding and YAA provides specific training.
- **Additional needs:** Some children may need extra support—YAA helps you prepare.
- **Cultural backgrounds:** Children from Black and dual ethnicity backgrounds need families who embrace and celebrate their heritage. [Learn more about our community work.](#) 
- **Long-term commitment:** Adoption is forever. YAA offers lifelong support to help you every step of the way.

WHO CAN ADOPT?



Anyone can apply. Adoption is open to:

- LGBTQ+ individuals and couples
- Single people
- Married or unmarried couples
- Trans and non-binary people
- People with disabilities or long-term health conditions
- Renters or homeowners

Your background, identity, or relationship status won't hold you back. What matters is your ability to provide a safe, loving, and nurturing home.

Emotional Readiness

Adoption is a journey filled with joy, growth, and sometimes challenges. You'll help a child navigate their identity, emotions, and past experiences. Patience, empathy, and resilience are key.

YAA will be there to help you, every step of the way.

LGBTQ+ Strengths in Adoption

LGBTQ+ adopters often bring unique strengths:

- Deep empathy and understanding of identity
- Resilience and adaptability
- Strong community connections
- Commitment to inclusive parenting

YAA values these qualities and ensures your rights and privacy are respected throughout the process.

The assessment process



We celebrate diversity and pride ourselves on being inclusive. This includes a transparent approach to addressing discrimination. YAA has procedures in place to address concerns. You're never alone.

[Find out more about the process here.](#) 

HOW YAA CAN SUPPORT YOU TO ADOPT

CHOOSING AN ADOPTION AGENCY IS A BIG STEP,
SO WHY SHOULD YOU CHOOSE US?

♥ **Lifelong Support** Adoption doesn't end with placement—we've got your back for life! From bespoke training packages to therapeutic parenting support, we'll be here every step of the way. Plus, you'll get to connect with experienced adopters who've been where you are. 🤝

📖 **Comprehensive Training – It takes a village!** We offer training not just for you but for your whole support network. Friends, family—everyone can get involved to help make adoption a success. [Click here to learn more!](#) 🔗

🔍 **Nationwide Family Finding** We don't just match families—we find the right match. With partnerships across 75+ local authorities, we work tirelessly to connect children with their forever families, whether they're local or further afield. 🏠

👥 **Small, Friendly Service – Big heart, small team!** Our dedicated professionals provide personalized support whether you're adopting in the UK or overseas. You'll never feel like just a number here! ❤️

🎉 **Regular Events** Adoption is about community, and we love bringing our families together! Join us for picnics, winter parties, and other fun gatherings throughout the year. 🥰

🤝 **Matching Magic** We pride ourselves on our ability to match children with the right adopters, creating lasting, successful placements. Our approach means higher success rates and happier families. ❤️

🎯 What's Next?

If you're nodding along thinking, "Yes, I'm ready!"—that's fantastic! If you still have questions, that's totally normal too. Adoption is a big decision, and it's okay to take your time.

💬 Still thinking about adoption? The YAA team is here to chat! No pressure—just friendly advice and guidance. Contact us or [check out our website.](#) 🔗

Ask an experienced adopter about their journey and have your questions answered before you decide with our regular **ChatAdopt** info sessions! [Book your session.](#) 🔗