

At **Adoption East Midlands** we provide a range of services for adoptive families, adopted adults and birth families, once an adoption order has been made.

At Adoption East Midlands we aim to:

- provide informed and timely support for adoptive families from the start of their adoption journey and through all stages of development post order
- deliver excellent customer service with the aim of empowering adoptive families to go on to help themselves
- support adopted adults and birth relatives with a clear service pathway
- support our 4 Local Authorities to meet their statutory obligations for post adoption support

Our Targeted Support Offer:

For families who have specific adoption needs which need to be supported:

- Adoption support needs assessments by a qualified & experienced social worker
- Therapeutic Parenting – information, guidance and training
- Therapeutic Support (Life Story work, DDP, Theraplay)
- Adoption Support Fund commissioning for specialist therapeutic services
- Supporting Adopted Adults to access their adoption records
- Advice & guidance for adopted adults and birth relatives looking for an Intermediary service
- Letterbox support

Our Universal Offer to all families in the East Midlands:

Adoption support & training for adoptive families

- Which begins at the start of an adopters journey with AEM
- A programme of regular training seminars throughout the year:
 - Therapeutic Parenting
 - Life Story Work
 - Theraplay

Providing Information, guidance & resources for support

- Adoption Portal: www.adoptioneastmidlands.org.uk/adopters
- National Association of Therapeutic Parents: www.naotp.org.uk
- Beacon House: www.beaconhouse.org.uk
- Access to a Duty Social Worker for immediate information, guidance & telephone support (Daily availability)

Groups for adoptive parents

- Local Support Groups across the Region
- Training events
- Social events for the whole family

Groups for adopted children and young people

- Groups during school holidays
- 5-8's (with parents), 8-12's and 13-18's
- Further opportunities for young people to come together to help shape support services

Contact AEM Adoption Support

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