



Supporting you

Discover our range of post adoption support

**FAMILY
ADOPTION
LINKS**

Lincolnshire

Introducing

The Post Adoption Support Team

Adoption is a lifelong journey in which you can access support from us as and when needed. Our team includes therapists, experienced social workers and support staff, all of whom will be there for you and your adopted child whatever life may bring. This leaflet offers a snapshot of our team and how we can help you.



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Get in touch...

To speak to a specialist Adoption Worker...

Call 01522 554056

Email adoptionsupport@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Or to make a referral...

Call 01522 782111

Available Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm

How we can help...

Discover our levels of support...

As one of our valued adopters, we offer you...

- Invitations to all Family Adoption Links Lincolnshire events including
 - Activities and play days for your child/children
 - Local peer led support groups
- A quarterly e-newsletter called 'Thrive' packed full of the latest adoption news, therapies, podcasts, websites and more
- Access to free training courses via the Family Adoption Links Training Hub familyadoptionlinks.org.uk/training-hub (password is the-future) courses include
 - Talking about Adoption I and II
 - Therapeutic Parenting I and II
 - FASD
 - Non Violent Resistance Training
 - The Child's Sensory World
 - Family and Friends Training I and II
- A hotline to a specialist Adoption Worker, Mon to Friday, 9-5pm, call 01522 554056
- An invitation to join the Family Adoption Link's Adopter Consultation Hub to consult and collaborate with us on the services we provide
- An invitation to your son or daughter to join Collabor8, Family Adoption Links' Young Person's Group. A group designed to give our adopted children a voice within our organisation.

For adopters who require additional support, we offer...

Access to an assessment of your child's needs. The Post Adoption Support Team can complete an assessment that will focus upon your child's needs in relation to any trauma and attachment difficulties they may be experiencing. The Post Adoption Support Team have specialist training to ensure your child's needs are understood in the context of their history. The Post Adoption Support Team will also explore what you may need as a parent and how your child's needs may be impacting upon you.

Following an assessment, an Adoption Support Plan will be agreed with you, this may include

- signposting to another service available to your family
- one to one support from a worker in the team
- accessing commissioned therapeutic services through the Adoption Support Fund.

The Post Adoption Team can also work closely with education and social care colleagues under Team Around the Child or any other relevant groups to contribute to ensuring your child's needs are met.

If you need support...

Lincolnshire Children's Centres Any adult caring for a child can access services at Children's Centres. Find your local centre here www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/parents/childrens-centres/

The Family Services Directory lists information for: Careers, Training and Learning; Childcare; Education; Health; The Local Special Educational Need Offer, Parenting and Caring; Play and Leisure and many, many more. <https://lincolnshire.fsd.org.uk/kb5/lincs/fsd/home.page>

Virtual School For information and advice in Lincolnshire, email virtualschool@lincolnshire.gov.uk or for Rutland Virtual School - <https://www.rutland.gov.uk/education-learning/virtual-school>

Liaise is Lincolnshire's Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS). They offer confidential and impartial information, advice and support to children and young people (0-25 years) with SEN and disabilities, and their parents and carers. Contact Liaise on 0800 195 1635 or liaise@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Children's and Young People's Nursing Team can help with lots of health matters including enuresis (toileting) and continence (bed wetting), eating, diet, and weight, behaviour support and complex health needs. You can self-refer by calling 01522 843000 or access the team through school or your GP.

Emotional Health Healthy Minds can be accessed through schools, via your GP or you can self-refer by calling 0303 123 4000. Lincolnshire Here4You is available on 01522 309120 for advice and/or self-referral for children and young person's mental health/emotional wellbeing services. The advice line is open Monday-Friday 9.30-16.30.

Team Around the Child Children and families may need extra support at different times in their lives. Team Around the Child (TAC) is a group of people who want the best for the child or young person. They will help you create a plan of support. TAC starts when coordinated support is required. A Lead Professional is the person who has the best relationship with the child and family, eg someone from school. They complete the Early Help Child and Family Assessment, but you can ask anyone, including your GP. Contact tacadmin@lincolnshire.gov.uk or call 01522 555828.

The Family Group Conference is a decision-making meeting where the child/adult's wider family network comes together to plan and address the concerns which have been raised by the family themselves or by the professionals working with the family. A Family Group Conference can be requested where there is a dispute regarding Family Time between the child and family. For further advice you can call 01522 872111 or the adoption support helpline on 01522 554056.

Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) is a government funded programme to provide school-aged children who are eligible access to free healthy meals and activities over the Easter, summer and Christmas holidays. <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-pupil-support/holiday-activities-food-programme>

Supported nursery funding From the term after their 2nd birthday, a child who has been previously looked after can access 570 hours of free early education or childcare over a year. This then continues when the child turns 3 and could increase to 30 hours per week for working parents/guardians.

Pupil Premium Parents need to make their child's school aware of their previously looked after status in order for the school to attract £2410 per year for the duration of time the child is on their school roll.