

Objectives.

We will:

1. Advocate for reform of adoption legislation, policy and services so that the human rights and wellbeing of adopted persons is restored, protected and promoted.
2. Advocate for adoption to be recognised under child protection and out-of-home care legislation, policy and services so that Governments remain responsible and accountable for the human rights and wellbeing of adopted children.
3. Advocate for and facilitate education activities to raise public awareness and awareness in the government/child protection and relevant service sectors of the lifelong impact of adoption, and raise support for reform of adoption legislation, policy, and services.
4. Advocate for free access by adopted persons to all legal, social, health and genetic information so that their connection to identity, family, heritage and culture can be restored, protected and promoted.
5. Participate in government legislative reviews, inquiries, investigations, studies or research to ensure the human rights and lived experience of adopted persons are included in findings and recommendations.
6. Advocate for general legislation, policy and services that respect families and restore, protect and promote the right of children to remain in their family, heritage and culture of birth.
7. Advocate to all governments, their relevant agencies and contractors to:
 - a. protect the safety and wellbeing of adopted children through ongoing regular welfare checks
 - b. reform legislation, policy and services to restore, protect and promote the right of adopted persons to their own family, heritage and culture
 - c. promote access to genetic medical history
8. Advocate that the evidence of life-stage and life-span trauma of neonatal maternal separation is included in the design of legislation, policy and services. Advocate for research to build an evidence base (including retrospective data linkage) on the impact of adoption across the lifespan for adopted persons.
9. Develop partnerships with other entities who share the objectives of: restoring, protecting and promoting the human rights and wellbeing of adopted persons, and; the reform of legislation, policies and services.

10. In collaboration with intercountry adoptee associations, lobby other countries regarding the negative impact of adoption on adopted people including the trauma of being permanently removed from their country of origin and their loss of cultural identity.

11. Advocate on behalf of children at risk of becoming adopted (including the unborn) and their mothers and families.

12. Develop and implement appropriate financial and fund-raising initiatives to enable the objectives of the Association to be achieved.