



PARENTS AND CHILDREN TOGETHER

PACT calls for caring professionals to consider adoption

FAMILY support charity Parents And Children Together (PACT) is appealing for people from caring professions to consider adoption.

PACT offers outstanding adoption services to families across the South East. Last year it placed 87 children with 62 families through its adoption services. There are currently more than 2,000 children waiting to be adopted in England.

PACT is particularly looking for couples or single people, including those from the LGBT community, who can consider adopting children over four years old, those with BME heritage or who have additional needs, and sibling groups of two or more children.

The agency would really like to hear from anyone from the caring professions such as nurses, teachers, police officers, childminders and those in the care sector, as given their professional experience and skills they typically make strong adopters, and they are particularly valued by local authorities looking to place a child.

PACT Chief Executive Jan Fishwick said: "While there is no such thing as a typical adopter we know from our many years' experience of matching children with forever families that people who work in a caring profession very often have the experience, skills and qualities to make excellent adopters.

"Having said that we are always very happy to hear from anyone, whatever their profession, who can offer love, stability and security to a child who needs this – this is always what matters most. At PACT we work with adopters who are single and married, people who have birth or step-children, or don't have children, as well as those of different sexualities and religions."

PACT holds regular information events where anyone considering adoption can find out more about what's involved. To find out about events coming up see <http://pactcharity.org/adoption/about-adoption/information-events>

You can also find out more about PACT and its adoption services at www.pactcharity.org or by calling 0300 456 4800.