

# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW...



ABOUT HOW WE'RE WORKING TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF OPEN ADOPTIONS IN NSW SO THAT MORE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE CAN ENJOY THE SECURITY OF A PERMANENT HOME

Studies show that open adoption provides children and young people with more stability than long-term care.

For some children in out-of-home care who cannot be returned to their families, open adoption can provide a safe home where they can thrive.

Open adoption, unlike adoption practices in the past, enables children to know their identity and remain connected with their birth parents.

The way forward:

**\$2.85 MILLION**  
FOR AN INSTITUTE  
OF OPEN ADOPTION  
STUDIES TO PIONEER  
AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH INTO  
OPEN ADOPTION BEST PRACTICE



**\$24 MILLION**  
FOR THE ADOPTION  
TRANSFORMATION  
PROGRAM TO PROGRESS  
OUTSTANDING CASES AND  
STREAMLINE THE PROCESS

## INTRODUCING AN ADOPTION ALLOWANCE

TO ELIGIBLE CARERS WHO ADOPT A CHILD FROM CARE ON OR AFTER 1 JULY 2017

ELIGIBLE PEOPLE ADOPTING CHILDREN  
AGED UP TO FOUR YEARS OLD  
COULD GET AN ALLOWANCE OF  
**\$484 EVERY**  
**FORTNIGHT**  
TO HELP MEET THEIR SUPPORT NEEDS



WITH THE ALLOWANCE  
INCREASING TO  
**\$733 EVERY**  
**FORTNIGHT** FOR  
**TEENAGERS**

THOSE LOOKING  
TO ADOPT A  
CHILD WITH  
SPECIAL NEEDS  
WILL RECEIVE  
ADDITIONAL  
SUPPORT



THE ADOPTION ALLOWANCE  
WILL BE MEANS TESTED WITH  
PAYMENT AVAILABLE TO THOSE  
WHO RECEIVE ALL OR PART OF  
FAMILY TAX BENEFIT A



AN ELIGIBLE PERSON  
ADOPTING A CHILD IN  
THEIR CARE IS LIKELY  
TO RETAIN THEIR  
EXISTING LEVEL OF  
FINANCIAL SUPPORT