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## ADOPTING A CHILD HAVING SPECIAL NEEDS

The sentiment that children are like angels and have a fundamental right to a loving family is a widely held belief and a guiding principle in various legal and ethical frameworks. Your enthusiasm and commitment can help such children to grown in loving and caring family.

Adopting a child with special needs is a significant responsibility, and it can be incredibly fulfilling. It's essential to approach the process with empathy, patience, and a willingness to provide the best care and support possible for the child's unique needs. Consulting with adoption professionals and connecting with support networks can be invaluable during this journey.

These children, like any others, have many positive attributes and qualities that can enrich the lives of their adoptive families. Positive traits like resilience, unwavering love, endurance, determination, joy and laughter, forming deep friendships, positive impact, and strength are frequently linked to kids who face mental or physical problems and they require a family just like any other child.

Regulation 2(25) of Adoption Regulations defines a special need child who is suffering from any disability as provided in the Rights of Persons With Disabilities Act, 2016~(49~of~2016) as given in Schedule XVIII and Schedule III (Part E) of these Regulations.

Not every child classified as special needs has a severe medical issue. Adoption of a Special Needs child also comes with unique challenges and responsibilities. Prospective adoptive parents should be well-prepared, committed, and informed about the specific needs of the child they plan to adopt.

Upon completing the CARINGS registration process and successfully uploading their home study to the online platform by the social worker, prospective adoptive parents who are waiting for a child or children can access their profile for reservation regardless of the number of biological children they have.

The parents may reserve the child from the Special Needs category even while they are waiting for a referral through the normal process.

There is no waiting period and the parents can visit the adoption agency soon after reservation and complete the adoption process. If parents decide not to receive their child after reserving them, it has no bearing on their seniority.

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