

“Children’s Services rescinded this decision in December.”

“The Alberta Government respects the rights and freedoms afforded to all Albertans under the Charter, including freedom of belief as well as equality rights. Families are not denied adoptions based on religious beliefs, and a diversity of belief systems can be found in the Alberta families and homes that have been approved to adopt a child.”

“Every child deserves to be safe, healthy and loved, regardless of who they are. As guardians of children in care, Children’s Services must take every precaution in adoptions of children in government care. If a family cannot meet the needs of a child, we cannot match them on a permanent basis. That’s why we have thorough screening, approval and review processes for any family seeking to adopt children in foster or kinship care.”

“The adoption application process is rigorous to protect the children we serve and the families choosing to care for them. An adoptive family’s strengths, abilities and desires are carefully evaluated to determine what might be a best match or fit for that particular family and the waiting child.”



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