



ÚDARÁS UCHTÁLA na hÉIREANN
THE ADOPTION AUTHORITY of IRELAND

YOUR ADOPTION ORDER HEARING



SOME QUESTIONS BEFORE MY ADOPTION ORDER HEARING

WHAT DOES THE ADOPTION AUTHORITY OF IRELAND DO? They are responsible for deciding on all adoptions in Ireland, and for making adoption orders.

WHAT IS AN ADOPTION ORDER HEARING? It's when an adoption order is made, and you become a legal member of your family.

DO I HAVE TO ATTEND THE HEARING? Yes. The hearing is about you so you need to be there.

WHO ELSE COMES WITH ME? Your parent/parents, and anyone else in your family that you would like to come.

WHERE DOES THE HEARING HAPPEN? In the Adoption Authority's offices, in Dublin but sometimes, it happens in a local hotel, or office, around the country.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE? About 10 minutes.

DO I NEED TO DO ANYTHING TO GET READY? No.

DO I NEED TO BRING ANYTHING WITH ME? No.

WHAT CLOTHES SHOULD I WEAR? Whatever you like.

IF I PREFER USING A DIFFERENT LANGUAGE TO ENGLISH; WILL YOU GET A TRANSLATOR FOR ME? Yes. Just let us know.

IF I HAVE A DISABILITY, CAN YOU HELP WITH ANY OF MY ADDITIONAL NEEDS, SO I CAN GO TO THE ADOPTION ORDER HEARING? Yes. Please let us know what your needs are, and we will do what we can to help.

IS THE ADOPTION ORDER HEARING THE END OF THE ADOPTION PROCESS? Yes. When the adoption order is made, you are legally adopted.



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE ARRIVE?

YOU COME IN AND SIT IN OUR WAITING AREA WITH YOUR FAMILY



A BOARD MEMBER WILL COME AND SAY HELLO

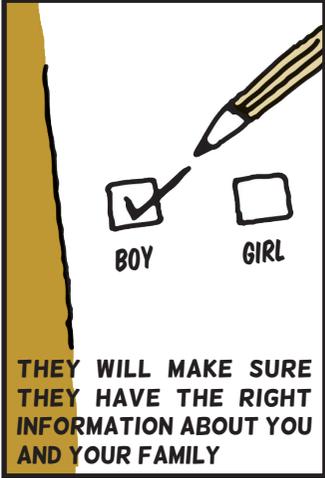


THEY WILL BRING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO ONE OF OUR FAMILY ROOMS



THEY WILL EXPLAIN WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE ADOPTION ORDER HEARING

THEY WILL ASK YOU WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT BEING ADOPTED



THEY WILL MAKE SURE THEY HAVE THE RIGHT INFORMATION ABOUT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

YOU CAN ASK ANY QUESTIONS



THEY WILL BRING YOU INTO THE ROOM WHERE THE HEARING HAPPENS

DURING THE HEARING

WHO WILL BE IN THE ROOM?

EVERYONE WILL COME IN AND SIT AROUND A BIG TABLE. YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ON ONE SIDE, AND THE PEOPLE FROM THE ADOPTION AUTHORITY ON THE OTHER.

THE PEOPLE AT THE ADOPTION ORDER HEARING HAVE A FEW DIFFERENT JOBS. THEY ARE THERE TO MAKE THE ADOPTION ORDER, TO WITNESS THE ADOPTION ORDER BEING MADE, AND TO HELP WITH THE ADOPTION ORDER HEARING.



THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD HAVE SEEN A REPORT FROM THE SOCIAL WORKER WHO WORKED WITH YOUR FAMILY. THIS REPORT INCLUDES WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT BEING ADOPTED.

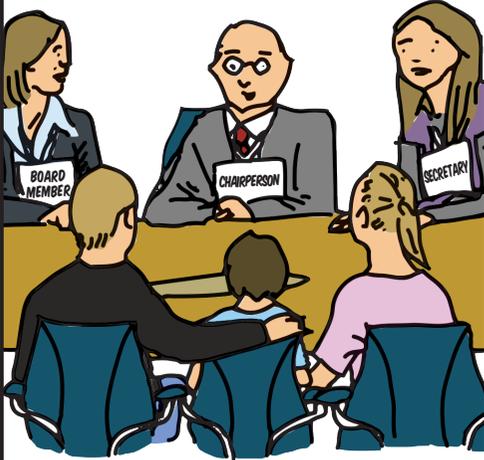
CAN / ASK QUESTIONS?

YES

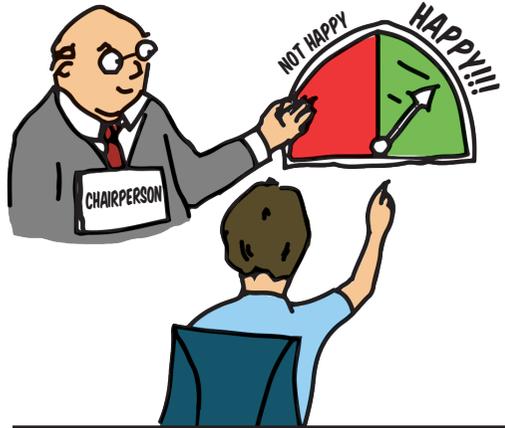
JUST ASK ONE OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE ADOPTION AUTHORITY

WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE ADOPTION ORDER HEARING?

THE BOARD MEMBERS WILL TALK TO YOU AND YOUR PARENTS, AND ASK SOME QUESTIONS.



YOUR PARENTS WILL STAND UP AND SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH DURING THE HEARING.



THE CHAIRPERSON WILL ASK IF YOU ARE HAPPY FOR THE ADOPTION ORDER TO BE MADE.

YOU AND YOUR PARENTS WILL SIGN A DOCUMENT.



THE ADOPTION ORDER IS MADE!



WE WILL TAKE SOME PHOTOS OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILY, IF YOU LIKE.

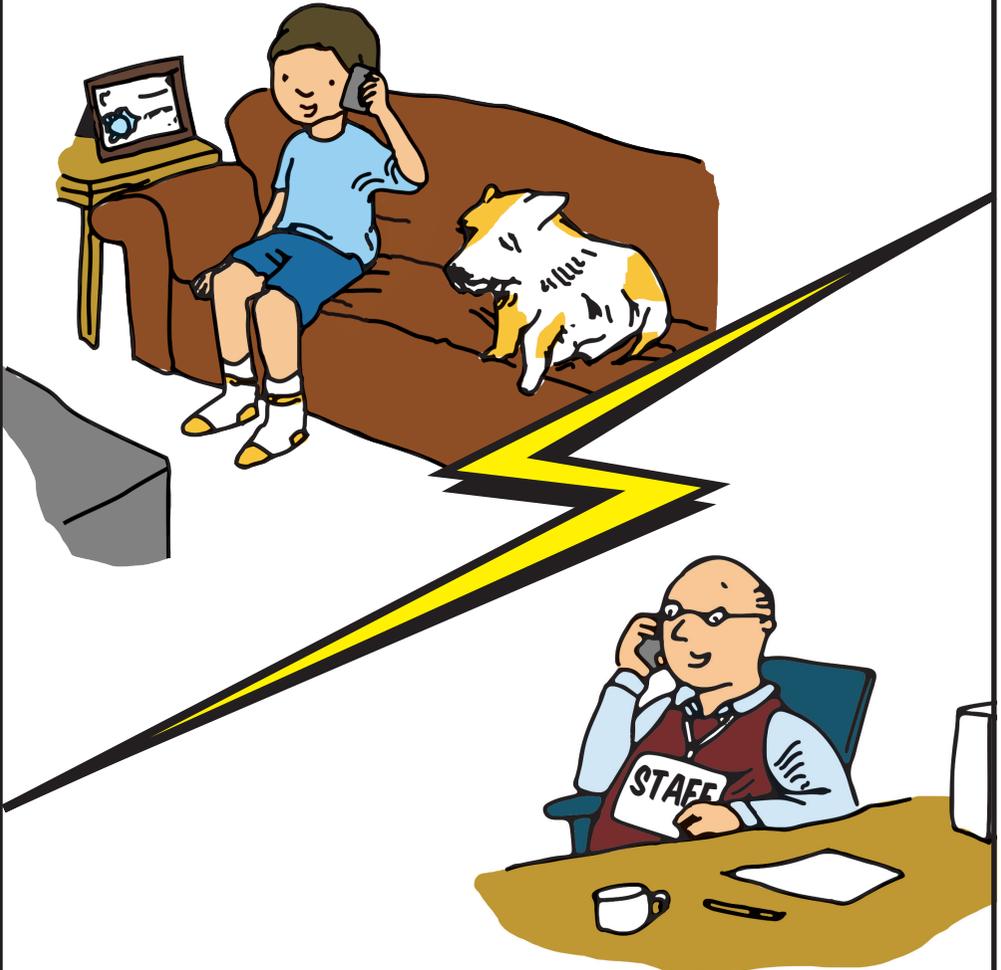
WHAT IF I HAVE A QUESTION BEFORE MY ADOPTION ORDER HEARING?

GET IN TOUCH WITH US AT:

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THE END!