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A Family For Every Child Matching Assistance



*"We should not be asking who this child belongs to,
but who belongs to this child."*

Dear ,

If you already have biological children and are looking into adopting it can raise several questions about opening your home. A major factor to keeping the peace in a mixed sibling household is keeping fairness. While every child has different needs, it is important to treat them the same when it comes to rights and privileges, especially if they are the same age or close in age.

"It's important for adopted and biological kids to have the same legal last name, rights and privileges as one another so parents do not appear biased toward one child over another." - ABC News, "[Blended Families: Recipe For Sibling Rivalry?](#)" (May 16, 2008)

It is important to treat all children equally and not let the exotic stories of adopted children be the all important factor in a family. Allow everyone's different ethnicity's to be a part of the whole family and not let one child's differences make the other children jealous. Reducing sibling rivalry works by equalizing situations within your family.

For more information, see Mother's Space: [Parenting a Biological & Adopted Child Together](#).

Resources

For additional articles, true stories, and resources, visit [Adoptive Families' siblings](#) page.

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More information on post-adoption situations and easing the transition between your current family and your new family member can be found online or through your local adoption agency.

Being open and talking with your current children about your family decisions is an important step in opening their minds to the idea of a new family.

Reading other peoples stories and situations in the linked discussion forums can help you to understand others situations and possibly help with your own.

Here is one fantastic story written by an adoptive parent about blending her family: "[The Blend Trend](#)" by Pamela Kruger

