



Children Act 1975

1975 CHAPTER 72

PART I

ADOPTION

The Adoption Services

3 Duty to promote welfare of child

In reaching any decision relating to the adoption of a child, a court or adoption agency shall have regard to all the circumstances, first consideration being given to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of the child throughout his childhood; and shall so far as practicable ascertain the wishes and feelings of the child regarding the decision and give due consideration to them, having regard to his age and understanding.