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Hilary Childs-Adams grew up in Deep River, Ontario and graduated from Laurentian University with an Honours bachelor's degree in translation and interpreting. She subsequently studied at Carleton University's Norman Paterson School of International Affairs and at the University of Ottawa. She began her career with the Canadian House of Commons, then joined the equivalent of the Canadian interior ministry, before becoming a Foreign Service Officer in 1980.

She served abroad in Mexico City (1981-83), New York (1983-86) and Brussels (1999-2003). Within the Canadian foreign ministry, she has worked extensively in the field of federal-provincial relations, as well as in international energy and environmental relations, public diplomacy and media. From 1986-90, she was seconded to Teleglobe Canada in Montreal where she specialized in international telecommunications policy.

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