

The Washington State Adoption Council's  
2011  
Adoption Information Exchange

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[www.dshs.wa.gov/ca/adopt/res\\_Resources.asp](http://www.dshs.wa.gov/ca/adopt/res_Resources.asp)

A comprehensive listing of adoption resources in Western Washington State for prospective & current adoptive families, birth parents, and individuals who were adopted.

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## The 2011 Adoption Information Exchange

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## Section 1: Domestic Adoption Agencies Licensed In Washington

These “child placing agencies,” provide a package of services for both birth parents and adoptive parents. They arrange homestudies, legal services, post-adoption support, and search and reunion services for children they place and for other adoptive families. They provide counseling for birth mothers, pre-adoption decision making counseling, post-placement contact agreement counseling and other counseling services as needed.

**\*Starred agencies also provide homestudies for independent adoptions.**

### **\*A Center for Adoption Services**

Dru Martin Groves  
602 Alder Ave. NE  
Bainbridge, WA 98110  
(206) 780-1972  
[dru@drugroves.org](mailto:dru@drugroves.org)  
[www.drugroves.org](http://www.drugroves.org)

### **A Child's Dream**

19491 Front St.  
P.O. Box 680  
Poulsbo, WA 98370  
(800) 247-8280  
[amadoptions@comcast.net](mailto:amadoptions@comcast.net)  
[www.achildsdream.org](http://www.achildsdream.org)

### **\*Adoption Advocates International**

709 S. Peabody St.  
Port Angeles, WA 98362  
(360) 452-4777, (888) 481-4775  
[kathy@adoptionadvocates.org](mailto:kathy@adoptionadvocates.org)  
[www.adoptionadvocates.org](http://www.adoptionadvocates.org)

### **\*Adoption Assistance & Homestudy Services**

6814 Greenwood Ave. N.  
Seattle, WA 98103  
(206) 200-7832  
[joyce@adoptassist.com](mailto:joyce@adoptassist.com)  
[www.adoptassist.com](http://www.adoptassist.com)

### **\*Adoption Connections, Inc.**

Anne Moody, MSW  
9759 NE Pine St.  
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110  
(206) 842-2810; [Moody.anne@gmail.com](mailto:Moody.anne@gmail.com)  
Patricia Beasley  
9185 Spargur Loop Rd.  
Bainbridge Island, WA. 98110  
(206) 842-6658; [frogrock85@aol.com](mailto:frogrock85@aol.com)

### **\*Agape Adoptions**

1003 1/2 Main Street, Suite 5  
Sumner WA 98390  
253-987-5804  
Fax 253-987-7657  
[agape@agapeadoptions.org](mailto:agape@agapeadoptions.org)  
[www.agapeadoptions.org](http://www.agapeadoptions.org)

### **Amara**

(formerly Medina Children's Services)  
3300 E. Union St.  
Seattle, WA 98122  
(206) 260-1700  
[amara@amaraparenting.org](mailto:amara@amaraparenting.org)  
[www.amaraparenting.org](http://www.amaraparenting.org)

### **Antioch Adoptions**

P.O. Box 2763  
Redmond WA 98073  
(425) 558-0921  
[info@antiochadoptions.org](mailto:info@antiochadoptions.org)  
[antiochadoptions.org](http://antiochadoptions.org)

## Domestic Adoption Agencies Licensed In Washington – Page 2

### **\*Bethany Christian Services**

1031 N. State St., Suite 108,  
Bellingham, WA 98225  
(360) 733-6042  
12360 Lake City Way NE Suite 301  
Seattle, WA 98125  
(206) 367-4604, (800) 733-4604  
[www.bethany.org](http://www.bethany.org)

### **Catholic Adoption Service of Washington**

A program of Catholic Community  
Services of Western Washington  
100 - 23rd Avenue South  
Seattle, WA 98144  
(206) 328-5921  
(877) 865-5944  
[www.ccsww.org](http://www.ccsww.org)

### **\*Christian Family Adoptions**

6040 SE Belmont Street  
Portland, Oregon 97215  
(503) 232-1211  
(866) 238-3281  
Satellite Office  
1400 NE 136th Ave., Suite 201  
Vancouver, WA 98684  
[christianfamilyadoptions.org](http://christianfamilyadoptions.org)  
mail@  
[christianfamilyadoptions.org](http://christianfamilyadoptions.org)

### **Journeys of the Heart Adoption Services**

81 Clay St. N122  
Seattle, WA 98121  
(206) 274-1019  
Cell: (206) 652-2401  
Expectant mothers call 24 hours  
toll free: (800) 876-0575  
info@journeysofheart.net  
[www.journeysofheart.net](http://www.journeysofheart.net)

### **Lifeline Children's Services, Inc.**

10925 S. Latah Lane  
Spokane, WA 99223  
509-869-3374  
509-448-3675 (fax)  
[www.lifelineadoptions.org](http://www.lifelineadoptions.org)

### **\*Open Adoption and Family Services**

200 West Mercer, #E508  
Seattle, WA 98119  
(206) 782-0442  
(800) 772-1115  
(Birthparents)  
info@openadopt.org  
[www.openadopt.org](http://www.openadopt.org)

### **\*Open Adoption Services**

(Spokane Consultants in  
Family Living)  
1623 W. Gardner  
Spokane, WA 99201  
(509) 328-6274  
(800) 828-6274  
[www.spokaneconsultants.com](http://www.spokaneconsultants.com)

### **WACAP – Adoption Services (World Association for Children and Parents)**

Mail: P.O. Box 88948  
Seattle, WA 98138  
Office: 315 S Second St  
Renton, WA 98057  
(206) 575-4550  
wacap@wacap.org  
[www.wacap.org](http://www.wacap.org)

## Section 2: International Adoption Agencies

Country lists can change. Check websites or call for current list of countries.

**\*Starred agencies also provide homestudies for independent domestic and international adoptions.**

### **\*Adoption Advocates International**

709 South Peabody St.  
Port Angeles, WA 98362  
(360) 452-4777; (888) 481-4775  
kathy@adoptionadvocates.org  
www.adoptionadvocates.org  
China, Thailand, Ethiopia

### **\*Adoption Assistance & Homestudy Services**

6814 Greenwood Ave. N.  
Seattle, WA 98103  
(206) 200-7832  
joyce@adoptassist.com  
[www.adoptassist.com](http://www.adoptassist.com)

### **\*Agape Adoptions**

1003 1/2 Main Street, Suite 5  
Sumner WA 98390  
(253) 987-5804  
[agape@agapeadoptions.org](mailto:agape@agapeadoptions.org)  
[www.agapeadoptions.org](http://www.agapeadoptions.org)  
Uganda – Check for others

### **All God's Children International**

1400 NE 136<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Vancouver, WA 98684  
(800) 214-6719  
[info@allgodschildren.org](mailto:info@allgodschildren.org)  
[www.allgodschildren.org](http://www.allgodschildren.org)  
Ethiopia, China, Taiwan, Bulgaria, Ukraine

### **\*Americans Adopting Orphans**

12345 Lake City Way NE, # 2001  
Seattle, WA 98125  
(206) 524-KIDS (5437)  
aao@orphans.com  
www.orphans.com  
China, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Burundi

### **\*Associated Services for International Adoption (ASIA)**

215 SW Hooker Street, Suite 100  
Portland, OR 97201  
(503) 224-1860  
Fax: (503) 224-1995  
JoyD@asiadopt.org  
www.asiadopt.org  
China, Haiti, Russia, Taiwan,

### **\*Bethany Christian Services**

1031 N. State St., Suite 108  
Bellingham, WA 98225  
(360) 733-6042 or  
19936 Ballinger Way NE., Suite D  
Seattle, WA 98155-1223  
(206) 367-4604; (800) 733-4604  
[www.bethany.org](http://www.bethany.org)  
Call for list of countries.

### **Catholic Adoption Service of Washington** – A program of Catholic Community Services of Western WA

100 - 23rd Avenue South  
Seattle, WA 98144  
(206) 328-5921; (877) 865-5944  
[www.ccsww.org](http://www.ccsww.org)  
Korea

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### **Children's House International**

P.O. Box 1829  
Ferndale, WA 98248  
(360) 966-2585  
www.childrenshouseinternational.com  
China, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti,  
Hungary, India, Kazakhstan, Moldavia,  
Russia, Vietnam, Mexico, Ethiopia

### **Faith International Adoptions**

1105 Tacoma Avenue South  
Tacoma, WA 98402  
(253) 383-1928  
faith@faithadopt.org;  
www.faithadopt.org  
China, Ghana, India, Japan, Nepal

### **Holt International**

www.holtintl.org  
(503) 244-2440  
Fax: (503) 245-2498  
China, Ethiopia, Haiti, India, Korea,  
Mongolia, Philippines, Thailand, Uganda.  
We also partner with Hague accredited  
agencies for other countries.

### **Journeys of the Heart Adoption Services**

81 Clay Street, N122  
Seattle, WA 98121  
206-274-1019,  
24 hour crisis is: (800) 876-0575,  
Fax: (888) 810-9725  
www.journeysoftheheart.net  
info@journeysoftheheart.net  
India, China, Taiwan, Marshall Islands

### **Lifeline Children's Services, Inc.**

10925 S. Latah Lane  
Spokane, WA 99223  
(509) 869-3374  
Fax: (509) 448-3675  
www.lifelineadoption.org  
Bulgaria, China, Costa Rica, Haiti, Hungary,  
Peru, Ukraine

### **WACAP – Adoption Services (World Association for Children and Parents)**

Mail: P.O. Box 88948  
Seattle, WA 98138  
Office: 315 S Second St  
Renton, WA 98057  
(206) 575-4550  
wacap@wacap.org  
www.wacap.org  
China, Ethiopia, India, Kazakhstan,  
Korea, Russia, Thailand

## Support Groups for Families Built Through International Adoption

### **Asian Adult Adoptees of Washington**

P.O. Box 15346  
Seattle, WA 98115  
Vpcomm@aaawashington.org  
www/aaawashington.org

### **Bellingham Ethiopian Gathering**

Kate (360) 733-5933  
Haskell.KD@gmail.com  
Hosts quarterly potlucks for families with  
Ethiopian children and Ethiopian,  
Eritrean college students and community  
members

### **Families Like Ours, Inc (FLO)**

603 Stewart Street, Suite 902  
Seattle 98101  
(206) 441-7602; (877) 230-3055  
[www.familieslikeours.org](http://www.familieslikeours.org) |  
[support@familieslikeours.org](mailto:support@familieslikeours.org)  
FLO is a family driven adoption exchange for  
GLBT and non GLBT families alike,  
providing you with support, education  
and advocacy throughout the entire  
process. The team at FLO can help you  
find the right agency match; provide your  
P.R.I.D.E. and orientation training and  
supports parent skill building and family  
mentoring. FLO coordinates quarterly  
family respite events and quarterly family  
fun networking events, and maintains an  
active family driven website with resources  
and tools, including waiting family and  
children profiles.

### **Families with Children from China**

7003 53<sup>rd</sup>. Ave. NE  
Seattle, WA 98115  
(206) 523-7901; [www.fcc-nw.org/](http://www.fcc-nw.org/)  
Sponsors Chinese New Year, Summer  
Culture Camp, and Symposiums

### **Families with Children from Vietnam**

c/o Lea Ann Kaplan  
(425) 489-2828  
leaann@kaplanfamily.net  
www.kaplanfamily.net /FCV.htm

Sponsors several events and meetings  
throughout the year for prospective and  
current adoptive families. All activities are  
for everyone in the family. They also have  
an email list; sign-up on their website.

### **FRUA INC**

(Families for Russian and Ukrainian  
Adoption, Including Neighboring Countries)  
Contact: Sharon Kiddle  
(360) 668-3836;  
sharonkiddle@hotmail.com  
<http://www.orgsites.com/wa/frua-inc/>

Local newsletters, e-group online  
community, social and informative  
gatherings, networking, play dates, singles  
support group, a heritage camp and  
cultural events.

### **KIDS (Korean Identity Development Society)**

PMB 120 8315  
Lake City Way NE  
Seattle, WA 98115  
(206) 340-0937  
www.koreanidentity.org

Sponsors a monthly WISH (Waiting is So  
Hard) group, monthly chat group,  
monthly Families with Chinese children  
potlucks, and an e-newsletter.

## Support Groups for Families Built Through International Adoption – Page 2

### **Latin/North American Families**

2810 First Ave. N.  
Seattle, WA 98109  
(206) 285-6254--Sandra Welsh

### **Seattle Families/Guatemala Adoption Facebook Group**

Rebecca.dubin@gmail.com

### **Northwest Ichild (India Child)**

Maintains a list serve for families who  
have adopted from India, Pakistan,  
Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal  
info@nwchild.org  
www.ichild.org

### **Seattle Guatemala Adoption**

seattleguatemaladoption@  
yahoogroups.com

## Community Resources for International Adoption

### **Adoptive Parenting Classes and Support Groups with Laura Stone, MA, LMHC**

174 Roy Street, Suite B  
Seattle, WA 98109  
info@laurastone.org (206) 498-9895

### **Center for Adoption Medicine at the University of Washington Medical Center**

#### **Julie Bledsoe, MD, Julian Davies, MD, Cynthia Kertesz, MD**

4245 Roosevelt Way N.E., Seattle, WA 98105, (206) 598-3006  
adoption@uw.edu; www.adoptmed.org

The Center's specialist physicians will review medical records prior to an adoption, provide post-placement evaluations and provide ongoing medical care with knowledge of the special problems of children who were adopted, including a specialty in fetal alcohol syndrome. The Center works with all types of adoptions, international, foster/adopt, and domestic.

### **Holt International**

www.holtintl.org  
(503) 244-2440 Fax: (503) 245-2498  
Mon - Fri, noon - 4:30 pm

Parent Seminars, Adult Adoptee Groups, Adoptee Camps and Day Camps, and Heritage Tours.

### **US State Department**

www.travel.state.gov/family/adoption/adoption\_485

The US State Department website provides information about intercountry adoption by country of interest and provides general information about US visa requirements for intercountry adoptions.

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## Section 3: Special Needs and Foster/Adoption Service

Special Needs adoptions are adoptions of children of all ages, races, and abilities from the child welfare system. Most will have special medical and/or psychological needs that have resulted from their life experience. To get started in foster adoption, you can consult with a community agency that specializes in specific communities, or you can call DSHS directly.

### Agencies

These are “child placing agencies” that provide a package of pre- and post-placement services that support the adoptions of children from the foster care system.

**\*Agencies marked with an asterisk also provide homestudies for independent domestic and international adoptions.**

#### **\*Adoption Advocates International**

709 S. Peabody St.  
Port Angeles, WA 98362  
(360) 452-4777; (888) 481-4775  
kathy@doptionadvocates.org  
[www.adoptionadvocates.org](http://www.adoptionadvocates.org)

#### **Amara**

(formerly Medina Children’s Services)  
3300 E. Union St.  
Seattle, WA 98122  
(206) 260-1700  
amara@amaraparenting.org  
[www.amaraparenting.org](http://www.amaraparenting.org)

#### **Antioch Adoptions**

P.O. Box 2763  
Redmond WA 98073  
(425) 558-0921  
info@antiochadoptions.org  
antiochadoptions.org

#### **\*Bethany Christian Services**

1031 N. State St., Suite 108  
Bellingham, WA 98225  
(360) 733-6042  
12360 Lake City Way NE Suite 301  
Seattle, WA 98125  
(206) 367-4604, (800) 733-4604  
[www.bethany.org](http://www.bethany.org)

#### **Catholic Adoption Service of Washington State**

A program of Catholic Community Services of Western Washington  
100 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South  
Seattle, WA 98144  
(206) 328-5921; [www.ccsww.org](http://www.ccsww.org)

#### **\*Children’s Home Society of Washington - Fostering to Permanency Program**

212 Fifth Avenue South  
Kent, WA 98032  
253-850-2582  
[www.childrenshomesociety.org](http://www.childrenshomesociety.org)

#### **\*Christian Family Adoptions**

6040 SE Belmont Street  
Portland, Oregon 97215  
(503) 232-1211  
(866) 238-3281  
Satellite Office  
1400 NE 136th Ave., Suite 201  
Vancouver, WA 98684  
[www.christianfamilyadoptions.org](http://www.christianfamilyadoptions.org)  
mail@christianfamilyadoptions.org

## Special Needs and Foster/Adoption Agencies – Page 2

### **Journeys of the Heart Adoption Services**

81 Clay St. N122  
Seattle, WA 98121  
(206) 274-1019  
Cell: (206) 652-2401  
www.journeysoftheheart.net  
info@journeysoftheheart.net

### **\* Lutheran Community Services**

Permanency Planning Program  
433 Minor Ave. N  
Seattle, WA 98109  
(Effective 3/1/11: 115 NE 100th,  
Suite 200, Seattle, WA 98125)  
(206) 694-5713;  
[ahixson@lcsnw.org](mailto:ahixson@lcsnw.org)

### **Olive Crest - Pacific Northwest**

Seattle, WA:  
515 116th Ave. NE, # 174  
Bellevue, WA 98004  
(425) 462-1612  
Spokane, WA:  
E 505 Wedgewood  
Spokane, WA 99208  
(509) 468-0700  
www.olivecrest.org

### **\*Open Adoption Services**

(Spokane Consultants in Family Living)  
1623 W. Gardner  
Spokane, WA 98201  
(509) 328-6274  
www.spokaneconsultants.com

### **Rainbow Youth & Family Services**

2612 River Road E  
Tacoma, WA 98404  
Tacoma: (253) 572-7741  
Seattle: (253) 838-2809  
1-800-6-RED HEN (673-3436)

## Special Needs and Foster/Adoption Agencies – Page 3

### **Ujima Community Services**

(One Church, One Child of WA)  
6419 Martin Luther King Way S.  
Seattle, WA 98118  
(888) 765-7997  
info@ococujima.org; www.ococujima.org

### **WACAP – Adoption Services**

(World Association for  
Children and Parents)  
Mail: P.O. Box 88948  
Seattle, WA 98138  
Office: 315 S Second St  
Renton, WA 98057  
(206) 575-4550  
wacap@wacap.org  
www.wacap.org

## Community Resources for Getting Started and Supporting Special Needs Adoptions

### **Center for Adoption Medicine at the University of Washington Medical Center**

**Julie Bledsoe, MD, Julian Davies, MD, Cynthia Kertesz, MD**

4245 Roosevelt Way N.E. Seattle, WA 98105 (206) 598-3006  
adoption@uw.edu; www.adoptmed.org

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### **Children's Home Society of Washington**

212 Fifth Avenue South Kent, WA 98032 (253) 850-2582  
www.childrenshomesociety.org

Provides educational workshops & PRIDE Training. CHS is a project of "Wendy's Wonderful Kids," sponsored by the Dave Thomas Foundation, which provides specialized recruitment and resources for fostering to permanency programs in King and Pierce Counties.

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## **Community Resources for Getting Started and Supporting Special Needs Adoptions – Page 2**

### **Families Like Ours, Inc (FLO)**

603 Stewart Street, Suite 902  
Seattle 98101  
(206) 441-7602; (877) 230-3055  
[www.familieslikeours.org](http://www.familieslikeours.org)  
[support@familieslikeours.org](mailto:support@familieslikeours.org)

FLO is a family driven adoption exchange for GLBT and non GLBT alike, providing you with support, education and advocacy throughout the entire process. The team at FLO can help you find the right agency match; provide your P.R.I.D.E. and orientation training, parent skill building, and family mentoring. FLO coordinates quarterly family respite events, quarterly family fun networking events and maintains an active family driven website with resources and tools, including waiting family and children profiles.

### **Local Orphan Care at Overlake Christian Church**

Redmond, Washington  
(425) 284-2524  
[www.occ.org](http://www.occ.org)

OCC is committed to helping remove barriers to adoption and to providing support to all families, both within and outside the OCC community, interested in foster care and adoption. They plan a monthly support group, host PRIDE training as well as other state-led trainings, host a quarterly orphan care alliance luncheon for church leaders in Washington State and have partnered with Safe Families. They will meet with couples who desire to adopt to help them navigate through all of the options and to choose what is best for their family; and then they will support them through placement, post placement, and beyond.

### **Northwest Adoption Exchange (NWAE)**

600 Stewart Street, Suite 1313  
Seattle, WA 98101  
(800) 927-9411  
[www.nwae.org](http://www.nwae.org)  
[www.adoptuskids.org](http://www.adoptuskids.org) for national waiting child list

NWAE provides recruitment and photolisting services for the children of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington featuring 700 children each year. They also offers resources, links, and information about special needs adoption. In King County they organize and list the training opportunities and requirements for families to begin the foster/adoption process. Visit the website to view waiting children and training schedules.

## **Community Resources for Getting Started and Supporting Special Needs Adoptions – Page 3**

### **Rainbow Youth and Family Services**

2612 River Road East

Tacoma, WA 98404

(253) 572-7741 (Tacoma); (253) 838-2809 (Seattle); (800)-6-RED HEN (673-3436)

Specializes in finding native/Indian families for native/Indian children in the foster care system. Maintains a registry of mixed race, native/Indian, and ethnic minority families wanting to adopt.

### **Ujima Community Services**

**(One Church, One Child of Washington State, Inc.)**

6419 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way S.

Seattle, WA 98118

(888) 765-7997

[info@ococujima.org](mailto:info@ococujima.org)

[www.ococujima.org](http://www.ococujima.org)

Specializes in recruiting, training, placing, and supporting African American children in African-American homes. Foster care, adoption, kinship care and support services open to all. Offers support groups and classes and provides post-placement services.

### **Washington Adoption Resource Exchange (WARE)**

600 Stewart Street, Suite 1313

Seattle, WA 98101

(800) 927-9411

[www.warekids.org](http://www.warekids.org)

WARE is the official website featuring foster children in the state of Washington waiting for adoptive homes. WARE is a password protected website for public and private agency adoption staff. They provide resources, tips, and tools for Washington workers, including a photolisting of waiting children and homestudy approved waiting families.

## Community Resources for Getting Started and Supporting Special Needs Adoptions – Page 4

**Washington State Dept. of Social and Health Services (DSHS) Adoption Program**  
P.O. Box 45713, Olympia, WA 9850  
(360)902.7968

[www.dshs.wa.gov/ca/adopt/index.asp](http://www.dshs.wa.gov/ca/adopt/index.asp)

DSHS provides adoption services for people adopting from the state's foster care system. If the number listed below does not work, look in your phone directory under "Washington, State of" (blue pages in many books), Social and Health Services, Children and Family Services. Ask for the adoptions unit when they answer. Families may choose to have DSHS complete their home study and preparation for adopting from foster care.

Aberdeen	(360) 537-4335	Port Angeles	(360) 565-2240
Bellevue	(425) 590-3081	Port Townsend	(360) 379-4330
Bellingham	(360) 647-6100	Republic	(509) 775-2220
Bremerton	(360) 475-3688	Richland/ Tri-Cities	(509) 737-2800
Centralia	(360) 807-7081	Seattle	(206) 691-2301
Clarkston	(509) 751-4686	Shelton	(360) 432-2050
Colfax	(509) 397-5040	Sky Valley/ Monroe	(360) 805-2100
Colville	(509) 685-5660	Arlington/ Smokey Pt	(360) 651-6900
Ellensburg	(509) 925-0440	South Bend	(360) 875-4200
Everett	(425) 339-4768	Spokane	(509) 363-3550
Forks	(360) 374-3530	Stevenson	(509) 427-0700
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Kelso	(360) 501-2601	Toppenish	(509) 865-1450
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## **Independent Providers of Pre- and Post-Placement Reports**

The following individuals and agencies offer individualized pre- and post-adoption services, including homestudies, education on adoption-related issues, counseling on adoption options and other adoption-related topics and assistance with networking. They provide counseling to assist with pre-adoption decision making, with the post-placement contact agreement and with other adoption-related issues. **Most providers travel to provide services.**

### **Statewide**

#### **Adoption Assistance & Homestudy Services**

6814 Greenwood Ave. N.  
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(206) 200-7832  
joyce@adoptassist.com  
www.adoptassist.com

#### **Adoption Homestudy Service**

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## **Section 5: General Community Resources and Support Groups**

### **Child Welfare Information Gateway**

(formerly the National Adoption Information Clearinghouse)  
[www.childwelfare.gov/adoption/index.cfm](http://www.childwelfare.gov/adoption/index.cfm)

The National Adoption Information Clearinghouse's web site has been combined with the National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect. This website is recognized as the most comprehensive listing of adoption resources in the U.S.

### **Adoptive Families Magazine and [www.adoptivefamilies.com](http://www.adoptivefamilies.com)**

This bimonthly magazine has won awards from parenting organizations for their news and feature stories. The Annual Adoption Guide is available online or in print.

### **ARIS - Adoption Referral and Information Service**

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Blogs: [www.adoptioncoachonline.com](http://www.adoptioncoachonline.com) and [www.adoptionmap.com](http://www.adoptionmap.com)

ARIS provides free resources and referrals for pre-adoptive parents, post-adoptive parents and professionals. This is done via the toll free number and the website.

### **Cascadia Training**

[www.cascadia-training.org](http://www.cascadia-training.org)  
(206) 441-6892; (800) 298-6516

Cascadia Training provides adoption/foster care training workshops by local and national experts for both parents and professionals. They sponsor the Certificate Program in Adoption and Foster Care Therapy with classes taught by local and national experts. They also provide other adoption and foster care-specific training to mental health professionals. Cascadia hosts the Certificate Program in Attachment-Focused Therapy, taught by local attachment expert, Deborah Gray for Masters-level therapists. They organize the annual Raising Resilient Rascals Conference, an adoption/foster care conference held in March for parents and professionals.

### **Center for Adoption Medicine at the University of Washington Medical Center**

**Julie Bledsoe, MD, Julian Davies, MD, Cynthia Kertesz, MD**  
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The Center's specialist physicians will review medical records prior to an adoption, provide post-placement evaluations and provide ongoing medical care with knowledge of the special problems of children who were adopted, including a specialty in fetal alcohol syndrome. The Center works with all types of adoptions, international, foster/adopt, and domestic.

Neither the Committee nor the Washington State Adoption Council recommend or endorse any individual or organization.

## General Community Resources and Support Groups, Page 2

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[www.adoptionmap.com](http://www.adoptionmap.com)

Yolanda is an expert in international and domestic adoption and provides education and consultation in adoption choices, risks and potential issues. She also provides training and consultation on open adoption, culturally aware parenting, and resource coordination/finding for families with complex needs. She provides these consultations in person or over the phone.

### **Families Like Ours, Inc (FLO)**

603 Stewart Street, Suite 902

Seattle 98101

(206) 441-7602; (877) 230-3055

[www.familieslikeours.org](http://www.familieslikeours.org)

[support@familieslikeours.org](mailto:support@familieslikeours.org)

FLO is a family-driven adoption exchange for GLBT and non-GLBT families alike, providing you with support, education and advocacy throughout the entire process. The team at FLO can help you find the right agency match; provide your P.R.I.D.E. and orientation training, parent skill building, and family mentoring. FLO coordinates quarterly family respite events, quarterly family fun networking events and maintains an active family-driven website with resources and tools, including waiting family and children profiles.

### **King County Superior Court, Family Court Services, King County Adoption Service**

516 Third Avenue, Suite W280, M/S C203

Seattle, WA 98104

(206) 296-9350

**[www.kingcounty.gov/courts/familycourt/services/adoptionservices.aspx](http://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/familycourt/services/adoptionservices.aspx)**

KCAS prepares the Confirmation of (Birth Parent) Consent Reports required in all adoptions conducted in King County. They also provide packets of legal forms needed by those doing stepparent, second parent, adult adoptions or international re-adoptions “pro se” (without an attorney). Maintains referral list of confidential intermediaries on its website.

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The adoption arena can be overwhelming and no one understands that more than Kristen. You shouldn't have to reinvent the wheel to do an independent, domestic adoption and she has a system that will make the process easier on you. Her goal is to help keep you motivated, educate you, and serve as an idea source to help find your baby. She will create an action plan for adopting, help you build your adoption team and assist you with self marketing plans.

## General Support Groups for Adoptive Families in Puget Sound

### **Adoptive Friends and Families of Greater Seattle**

P.O. Box 271

**Kirkland**, WA 98083

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AFFGS sponsors guest local and national speakers, the Awaiting support group for waiting families, a newsletter, SNAP support group for new adoptive parents, picnics and potluck dinners, playgroups, an annual camping trip, adults only night outs and other support activities for all waiting parents and adoptive families.

### **Families Like Ours**

(206) 441-7602; (877) 230-3055

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FLO coordinates quarterly family respite events, quarterly family fun networking events and maintains an active family driven website with resources and tools for GLBT and non GLBT families alike.

### **Kitsap Adoption Group**

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Sponsors a monthly WISH (Waiting is So Hard) group, a monthly chat group, a monthly families with Chinese children, potlucks, e-newsletter, Facebook page

## Section 6: Counseling Services

### Child and Adult Specialists

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#### Central

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## Counseling Services Adult and Teen Specialists

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PO Box 85  
Denville, New Jersey 07834  
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**Children's Home Society of  
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3300 NE 65<sup>th</sup> St.  
Seattle, WA 98115  
(206) 695-3200  
Ask for Search and Reunion.  
Provides S & R services for those  
who used adoption services at  
any Children's Home office

**Concerned United Birth Parents  
(CUB)**  
14820 Firgueras Rd.  
**La Mirada, CA** 90638  
1-800-822-2777

**International Soundex  
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P.O. Box 2312  
**Carson City, NV** 89702-2312  
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**United Indians of All Tribes**  
1945 Yale Place E.  
**Seattle, WA** 98102  
(206) 285-4425, X1034

**Washington Adoption  
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### For Profit Confidential Intermediary ("C.I.") Services

Contact the King County Adoption Coordinator at (206) 296-9350 or  
[www.kingcounty.gov/courts/familycourt/services/adoption-services.aspx](http://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/familycourt/services/adoption-services.aspx)  
for a list of Confidential Intermediaries who are located throughout Western Washington.

Washington State Law allows, under court supervision, certain individuals ("Confidential Intermediaries") to look at sealed adoption records and contact the birth parents named in them to see if they would like to be contacted by their birth children. King County Superior Court has compiled a Confidential Intermediary ("C.I.") list. The purpose of the list is to provide to the public opportunities to select independent C.I.s who have met minimum qualifications for that role. The list contains individuals who live throughout Western Washington so that an individual may work with someone in their geographic area.