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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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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.

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www.achildsdream.org

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Port Angeles, WA 98362
(360) 452-4777, (888) 481-4775
kathy@adoptionadvocates.org
www.adoptionadvocates.org

*Adoption Assistance & Homestudy Services
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(206) 200-7832
joyce@adoptassist.com
www.adoptassist.com

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*Agape Adoptions
1003 1/2 Main Street, Suite 5
Sumner WA 98390
253-987-5804
Fax 253-987-7657
agape@agapeadoptions.org
www.agapeadoptions.org

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

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

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

*Christian Family Adoptions
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Portland, Oregon 97215
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Satellite Office
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christianfamilyadoptions.org
mail@
christianfamilyadoptions.org

Journeys of the Heart Adoption Services
81 Clay St. N122
Seattle, WA 98121
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info@journeysoftheheart.net
www.journeysoftheheart.net

Lifeline Children's Services, Inc.
10925 S. Latah Lane
Spokane, WA 99223
509-869-3374
509-448-3675 (fax)
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

*Open Adoption Services
(Spokane Consultants in Family Living)
1623 W. Gardner
Spokane, WA 99201
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(800) 828-6274
www.spokaneconsultants.com

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

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agape@agapeadoptions.org  
www.agapeadoptions.org  
Uganda – Check for others

**All God’s Children International**  
1400 NE 136th Avenue  
Vancouver, WA  98684  
(800) 214-6719  
info@allgodscchildren.org  
www.allgodscchildren.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  
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www.asiadopt.org  
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19936 Ballinger Way NE., Suite D  
Seattle, WA  98155-1223  
(206) 367-4604; (800) 733-4604  
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  
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www.ccsww.org  
Korea

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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
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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 | 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 53rd Ave. NE
Seattle, WA 98115
(206) 523-7901; www.fcc-nw.org/
Sponsors Chinese New Year, Summer Culture Camp, and Symposums

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

Northwest Ichild (India Child)
Maintains a list serve for families who have adopted from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal
info@nwichild.org
www.ichild.org

Seattle Families/Guatemala Adoption
Facebook Group
Rebecca.dubin@gmail.com

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
info@laurastone.org
Seattle, WA 98109
(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.*

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www.doptionadvocates.org

Amara
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Seattle, WA 98122
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amara@amaraparenting.org
www.amaraparenting.org

Antioch Adoptions
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Redmond WA 98073
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Seattle, WA 98125
(206) 367-4604, (800) 733-4604
www.bethany.org

Catholic Adoption Service of Washington State
A program of Catholic Community Services of Western Washington
100 – 23rd Avenue South
Seattle, WA 98144
(206) 328-5921; 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

*Christian Family Adoptions
6040 SE Belmont Street
Portland, Oregon 97215
(503) 232-1211
(866) 238-3281
Satellite Office
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Vancouver, WA 98684
www.christianfamilyadoptions.org
mail@christianfamilyadoptions.org

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Seattle, WA 98121
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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

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)

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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
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Renton, WA 98057
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wacap@wacap.org
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Community Resources for Getting Started and Supporting Special Needs Adoptions

Center for Adoption Medicine at the University of Washington Medical Center
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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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**Families Like Ours, Inc (FLO)**
603 Stewart Street, Suite 902
Seattle 98101
(206) 441-7602; (877) 230-3055
www.familieslikeours.org
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

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
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.

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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  
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  
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.  

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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

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
Bellevue (425) 590-3081
Bellingham (360) 647-6100
Bremerton (360) 475-3688
Centralia (360) 807-7081
Clarkston (509) 751-4686
Colfax (509) 397-5040
Colville (509) 685-5660
Ellensburg (509) 925-0440
Everett (425) 339-4768
Forks (360) 374-3530
Friday Harbor (360) 378-3283
Goldendale (509) 773-7475
Kelso (360) 501-2601
Long Beach (360) 642-6235
Lynnwood (425) 673-3100
Moses Lake (509) 764-5757
Mt. Vernon (360) 416-7200
Newport (509) 447-6216
Oak Harbor (360) 679-7150
Olympia (360) 725-6700
Omak (509) 846-2010
Port Angeles (360) 565-2240
Port Townsend (360) 379-4330
Republic (509) 775-2220
Tri-Cities (509) 737-2800
Seattle (206) 691-2301
Shelton (360) 432-2050
Sky Valley/ Monroe (360) 805-2100
Arlington/ Smokey Pt (360) 651-6900
South Bend (360) 875-4200
Spokane (509) 363-3550
Stevenson (509) 427-0700
Sunnyside (509) 836-5750
Tacoma (253) 983-6201
Toppenish (509) 865-1450
Tumwater (360) 725-6700
Vancouver (360) 993-7900
Walla Walla (509) 524-4900
Wenatchee (509) 667-6100
White Salmon (509) 493-4814
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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.  
**Seattle, WA 98103**  
(206) 200-7832  
joyce@adoptassist.com  
www.adoptassist.com

**Adoption Homestudy Service**  
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**Superior Court, Pierce County**  
Adoption Services, Joni Irvin  
5501 Sixth Avenue  
**Tacoma, WA 98406**  
(253) 798-7978  
www.co.pierce.wa.us/pc/abtus/ourorg/juvct/adoptions.htm

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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

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
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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Yolanda@adoptionreferralservice.com
www.adoptionreferralservice.com
Blogs: www.adoptioncoachonline.com and 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
(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 organizes 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
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.

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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  
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

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
(206) 903-9664
members@affgs.org
www'affgs.org

AFFGS sponsors guest local and national speakers, the AWAIT 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
support@familieslikeours.org
www.familieslikeours.org

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
18455 8th Ave. NE
Poulsbo, WA 98370
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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

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Section 6: Counseling Services

Child and Adult Specialists

In addition to working with adults, the following practitioners report experience and training in working with children with histories of abuse, neglect or institutionalization.

Central

Attachment and Trauma Specialists
8011 – 118th Ave. NE
Kirkland, WA 98033; (425) 889-8524
www.attachmentcenternw.org
Rebecca Perbix Mallos, MSW, LICSW
Mark Coen, MSW, LICSW
Mia Sa, MSW

Bethany Christian Services
ADOPTS Program
12360 Lake City Way NE Suite 301
Seattle, WA 98125
(206) 367-4606
Counseling services are available in many Bethany offices from South Sound to Bellingham. Check local offices for current services.

Mary Carter Creech, LMHC
1523 East Madison
Seattle, WA 98122
9757 NE Juanita Dr., # 129
Kirkland, WA 98034
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Cascadia Training
Certificate Program in Adoption and Foster Care Therapy, Graduates List:
www.cascadia-training.org

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Counseling Services Adult and Teen Specialists

The practitioners on this list provide psychotherapy with emphasis on issues of pregnancy, infertility, and adoption. Issues may include pregnancy and options counseling, birthparent counseling pre- or post-placement, infertility resolution, preparing for adoptive parenting, partner disagreements, and parenting.

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Section 7: Search and Reunion Resources

Non-Profit Search and Reunion Services

Adoptees Liberation Movement Association (ALMA)
PO Box 85
Denville, New Jersey 07834
(253) 927-1856 Ruth Keeler

Children’s Home Society of Washington
3300 NE 65th 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 Fiqrueras Rd.
La Mirada, CA 90638
1-800-822-2777

International Soundex Reunion Registry (ISRR)
P.O. Box 2312
Carson City, NV 89702-2312
(775) 882-7755

United Indians of All Tribes
1945 Yale Place E.
Seattle, WA 98102
(206) 285-4425, X1034

Washington Adoption Reunion Movement (WARM)
5960 Sixth Ave. South, Suite 213
Seattle, WA 98108
(206) 767-9510;
warm@warmsearch.org
www.warmsearch.org

WARM also provides counseling and Support groups.

For Profit Confidential Intermediary (“C.I.”) Services

Contact the King County Adoption Coordinator at (206) 296-9350 or
www.kingcounty.gov/courts/familycourt/services/adoptionservices.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.

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