

ADOPTIVE PARENT GROUPS



ILLINOIS ADOPTIVE PARENT GROUPS

Adoptive parent groups can offer support and/or social events for families created through adoption. Some have monthly or periodic meetings and are open to prospective adoptive parents who want to learn more about adoption. Most groups are organized by parents around a particular adoption experience, such as intercountry adoption, special needs adoption, singles adopting, etc.

The AICI provides this list as a service but does not endorse any of these groups due to a lack of resources to evaluate them. Groups listed completed a questionnaire describing their services and indicated a willingness to be available as a resource. You may wish to contact those groups in your geographic area to learn which match your adoption interest or need.

Adoption Information Center of Illinois

120 West Madison
Ste. 800, Chicago, IL 60602

800/572-2390
312/346-1516
www.adoptinfo-il.org
aici@adoptinfo-il.org

Se Habla Español

*This list is updated every
two months*

Chicago & Outlying Area

Adoptees, Birthparents, and Adoptive Parents Together

Calvary Church
9 S. 200 State Route 59, Room 104
Naperville, IL 60564
Contact: Jody Moreen
630/778-0636
Email: adoption@wideopenwest.com
Meets every 3rd Thursday -7:00pm-
9:00pm

*(Contact Jody at the email listed to
check locations and times)*
For map of building/directions:
www.calvarynaperville.org
"Support group for the whole adoption
triad."

* Adoptive Families Today

P. O. Box 1726
Barrington, IL 60011-1726
www.adoptivefamiliestoday.org
Counties served: Cook, Lake, McHenry,
DuPage & Kane
"Support group for adoptive families,
birth parents and adopted persons."

CHASI: Adoption Guardians Support Group

100 N. Western Ave. Suite 200
Chicago, IL 60612
Contact: Kirsten Ahlberg
312-455-5200
County served: Cook and surrounding
areas.

Chicago Area Families for Adoption (CAFFA)

PMB 108
1212 S. Naper Blvd., Suite 119
Naperville, IL 60540-8360
Contact: Shila M. Khan
708-792-3678
www.caffa.org
Email: membership@caffa.org
Counties served: Cook, DuPage, Will,
Kane, Lake, Kendall, McHenry

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Initiative

1500 S. Keeler
Chicago, IL 60623
Contact: Wendy Byrd
Fax: 773/542-8634
Email: wsafechild@sbcglobal.net
Counties Served: Cook (Primarily North
Lawndale and Austin neighborhoods,
but won't turn away any families)

IL Parents for Black Adoption

7930 S. Colfax Avenue
Chicago, IL 60617
Contact: Drucilla Fair
773/734-2305
County served: Cook
"Provides educational support."

Just Between Us

398 Fox Bend Circle
Bolingbrook, IL 60440
Contact: Tonette Alexander
630/759-7404
Counties served: Cook, DuPage, Will
Meets 3rd Saturday of each month at
Fire Station #4 (across street from
Target)
Support group for foster/adopted
teenage girls or teen girls that have
adopted siblings, but all teens invited.

* LSSI: Adoptive Parent Support Group

Augustana Open Arms Church
10 West 35th Street
Chicago, IL 60616
Contact: Tessa Schneider
312/949-4340
County served: Cook and surrounding
areas
Meets quarterly

PFFC We Care Parent Support Group

3333 W. Arthington, Suite 150
Chicago, IL 60624
Contact: Sandra Glenn
773/863-5694
www.pffc.blogspot.com
Email: pffcs@aol.com
County served: Cook
Have a "referral corner" for adoptive &
foster care informational resources.

* Stars of David International, Inc.

Chicago Area Chapter
3175 Commercial Ave., Suite #100
Northbrook, IL 60062-1915
Contact: Elyse Flack
800/STAR-349 or
773/274-1527 (phone and fax)
www.starsofdavid.org
Email: starsdavid@aol.com
Counties served: Cook & Lake

Counties Served: Vermilion

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The Cradle: Post Adoption Support Group

2049 Ridge Avenue
Evanston, IL 60201
Contact: Nina Friedman
847/733-3239
www.cradle.org
County served: Cook and surrounding areas
Meets every 2nd Monday of each month from 7:00pm-8:30pm

Northern Illinois

***DeKalb Area Adoptive Families**

246 Rolfe Road
DeKalb, IL 60115-3148
Contact: Diane DeMers
815/756-3874
Email: ballantine@aol.com
Counties served: DeKalb and neighboring counties

CHASI: Adoptive Families Together

910 Second Ave.
Rockford, IL 61104
Phone: 815-962-1043
Or visit www.childrenshomeandaid.org

Central Illinois

***LSSI: Adoptive Parent Support Group**

4709 44th Street, Suite 1
Rock Island, IL 61201
Contact Susan Goble
309/786-6400
Counties served: Rock Island and surrounding counties
Meets every 3rd Thursday of each month from 6:00pm-7:30pm

***LSSI: Adoptive Parent Support Group**

103 South Country Fair Drive
Champaign, IL 61821
Contact Judie Watson
217/398-3011
County served: Champaign and surrounding counties
Meets every 3rd Thursday of each month from 6:00pm-7:30pm

Project Success - Family Tree Adoption Connections

101 West North Street
Danville, IL 61832
Contact: Raynelle Crenchaw
217/446-3200
Email: rcrenchaw@vcprojectsuccess.org

South Central Illinois Adoptive Parents Association (SCIAPA)

5004 Manhattan Dr.
Springfield, IL 62711
Contact: Karen DeCastro
217/793-9646
www.sciapa.org
Counties served: Sangamon, Christian, Macon, Montgomery, Morgan & Menard

Southern Illinois

***All-Dopt**

654 Bauer Road
Troy, IL 62294
Contact: Susan Koniak
618/667-2493
Counties served: Madison, St. Clair, and Monroe.
Meets quarterly
"This group focuses on the whole adoptive family, not just parents."

***LSSI: Adoptive Parent Support Group**

1616 West Main Street
Marion, IL 62959
Contact Beth Richardson
618/997-9196
Counties served: All 28 Southern counties
Meets every 2nd Thursday of each month from 6:00pm-7:30pm

Matthews and Associates

109 Lou Ann Drive
Herrin, IL 62948-3733
618/988-1330, ext. 103
www.matthewsandassociates.net
Contact: Julie Fritzier
Counties served: (3 Groups)
Herrin IL Group
Perry, Jackson, Franklin, Williamson, Saline, Gallatin, White, Hamilton, Union, Johnson, Pope, Hardin, Massac, Pulaski & Alexander
Meets every 3rd Thursday of the month 6:00pm-8:00pm
Effingham Group
Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, & northern parts of Marion and Clay
Meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month 6:00pm-8:00pm
Olney Group
Richland, Lawrence, Wayne, Edwards, Wabash & southern parts of Marion and Clay
Meets every 1st Tuesday 6:00pm-7:30pm
"Adoptive Family Fun Night" - All include Dinner and Child Care

Statewide Services

***Families of Russian and Ukrainian Adoption (FRUA-IL)**

P.O. Box 2944
Merrifield, VA 22116
Contact: Cheryl Krueger
703/560-6184
www.frua.org
Email: ca_krueger@msn.com
Membership Fee: \$35 annually
For upcoming events and meetings see <http://www.orgsites.com/il/frua-il/>

***Hands Around the World (HATW)**

1417 E. Miner St.
Arlington Heights, IL 60004
Contact: Gail C. Walton
847/255-8309
www.handsaroundtheworld.com

Our Chinese Daughters Foundation

109 West Monroe Street
Bloomington, IL 61701
www.ocdf.org