

ADOPTION RESOURCES



WHAT CAN THESE ORGANIZATIONS DO TO ASSIST YOU?

These national organizations may be able to assist you in a variety of ways. Some provide information and services only to members, while others can be accessed by anyone. All of these organizations will refer you to adoption agencies and support groups within your own state. You may wish to write or call the individual organizations for more specific information.

The AICI provides this information as a service, but does not endorse any of these groups due to a lack of resources to evaluate them.

Adoption Information Center of Illinois

120 West Madison, Ste. 800
Chicago, IL 60602

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

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Se Habla Español

This list is updated semi-annually.

Adopt America Network (formerly AASK)

1025 North Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43615
Contact: Maureen King (Director of Registration)
Toll Free: 800/246/1731 • 419/534-3350
www.adoptamericanetwork.org
E-mail: mking@adoptamericanetwork.org

Adopt America Network is a national adoption exchange which matches children with families. The network has field representatives throughout the United States. Families who have a completed home study and are interested in special needs children are eligible for matching services.

Child Welfare Information Gateway

Children's Bureau/ACYF
1250 Maryland Avenue, SW, 8th Fl
Washington, DC 20024
703/352-7565 or 800/394-3366 • fax
703/385-3206
<http://www.childwelfare.gov>
E-mail: info@childwelfare.gov

Child Welfare Information Gateway promotes the safety, permanency, and well-being of children and families by connecting child welfare, adoption and related professionals as well as concerned citizens to timely, essential information.

This resource center has a wealth of FREE information on adoption. There are FREE fact sheets on such topics as the home study process, inter-country adoption, the sibling bond, parenting sexually abused children, and answering children's questions about adoption.

The CWIG maintains a computer database that contains titles and summaries of hundreds of adoption documents. Searches of this database are either FREE or nominal in cost.

The CWIG also publishes resource directories which are available for a moderate price.

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Child Welfare League of America (CWLA)

2345 Crystal Dr., Ste. 250
Arlington, VA 22202
Contact: Linda Spears (Adoption Services)
Phone: 703-412-2400
Fax: 703-412-2401
www.cwla.org
E-mail: awhite@cwla.org

This organization provides services to over 1,000 social service agencies in the United States. Free services to prospective adoptive parents include:

- a list by state of CWLA member agencies offering adoption services;
- fact sheets on a variety of adoption issues available through their website at www.cwla.org/adoption/adoption.html
- a catalog of CWLA publications, including materials on adoption.

Children Awaiting Parents, Inc. (CAP)

595 Blossom Road, Suite 306
Rochester, NY 14610
Contact: Maryjane K. Link (Executive Director)
Toll Free: 888/835-8802 • 585/232-5110
www.childrenawaitingparents.org or
www.capbook.org
E-mail: info@capbook.org

This organization publishes *The CAP Book*, the national photo listing of children awaiting parents. *The CAP Book* is available by subscription to agencies, support groups, libraries and individuals for an annual subscription of \$65.

The Collaboration to AdoptUsKids

Adoption Exchange Association
8015 Corporate Drive, Suite C
Baltimore, MD 21236
Contact: Rachel Pratt (Executive Officer)
Toll Free: 888/200-4005
www.adoptuskids.org
E-mail: info@adoptuskids.org

The Collaboration to AdoptUsKids is a project of the Children's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Its programs include the national photo listing web site at www.adoptuskids.org, which allows families to see pictures and read profiles of waiting children. Licensed families who register with the site can email for more details about a listed child. Links on the web pages connect visitors to other helpful adoption-related resources. The Adoption Exchange Association manages the Collaboration to AdoptUsKids programs.

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National Adoption Center (NAC)

1500 Walnut Street, Suite 701
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Contact: Ken Mullner (Executive Director)
Toll Free: 800/TO-ADOPT • 215/735-9988

www.adopt.org

E-mail: kmullner@nacenter.adopt.org

The NAC provides a wide range of assistance to adoptive and potential adoptive families. An online parenting course, offered through their web site, teaches skills for raising children with special needs. Also on the site are helpful materials on adoption-related subjects, an online magazine, and a list of adoption agencies in all 50 states. The center maintains a list of employers with adoption benefits, which can be viewed at www.adoptionfriendlyworkplace.org. In addition, the NAC administers the national "Wednesday's Child" web site, which allows viewers to read descriptions and see photos of waiting children who have been featured on "Wednesday's Child" TV segments in major U.S. cities.

National Council for Adoption (NCFA)

225 North Washington Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
Contact: Chuck Johnson (Vice President/ Chief Operating Officer)
703/299-6633 • fax 703/299-6004

www.adoptioncouncil.org

E-mail: ncfa@adoptioncouncil.org

The NCFA is a national information and advocacy group which:

- lobbies for privacy in adoption and adoption records;
- works internationally to ensure ethical standards and decrease barriers to international adoption;
- maintains an information hotline for women with unplanned pregnancies, prospective adoptive parents and adoptive families seeking post-adoption services;
- advocates foster care and adoption reform by providing information to policy makers and grass roots leaders;
- publishes newsletters and other informational pieces for persons involved in adoption.

National Resource Center for Adoption

16250 Northland Drive, Suite 120
Southfield, MI 48075
Contact: Natalie Lyons (Director)
248/443-0306 • fax 248/443-7099

www.nrcadoption.org

E-mail: nrc@nrcadoption.org

This organization provides a forum for adoption professionals, organizations and adoptive parents to contribute and share their knowledge and expertise.

The Center serves as a resource through:

- conferences, workshops and other presentations to provide training in planning special needs adoption;
- consultation and technical assistance focusing on special needs adoption planning, policy and practice;
- publications and videos are available and identified in *The Center Source*. Also available is the Center's newsletter, *The Roundtable*, which highlights issues, programs and policies in the field.

North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC)

970 Raymond Avenue, Suite 106
St. Paul, MN 55114-1149
Contact: Joe Kroll (Executive Director)
651/644-3036 • fax 651/644-9848

www.nacac.org

E-mail: info@nacac.org

This organization publishes a quarterly newsletter called *Adoptalk*, and every August sponsors a national conference on adoption. NACAC also provides assistance in the development of adoptive parent groups, post-adoption service models, and Adoption Awareness Month campaigns.