

The Washington State Adoption Council's

2013-2014

Adoption Information Exchange

On the web at

www.dshs.wa.gov/ca/adopt/res_Resources.asp

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

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The 2013-2014 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.**

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602 Alder Ave. NE
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(206) 780-1972
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www.drugroves.org

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3300 E. Union St.
Seattle, WA 98122
(206) 260-1700
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www.amaraparenting.org

Antioch Adoptions

P.O. Box 2763
Redmond WA 98073
(425) 558-0921
Spokane office:
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Suite 301
Seattle, WA 98125
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www.bethany.org

Domestic Adoption Agencies – Page 2

Catholic Adoption Service of Washington

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

***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
mail@christianfamilyadoptions.org

Journeys of the Heart Adoption Services

P.O. Box 22317
Seattle, WA 98122
(206) 542-4932
Expectant mothers call 24 hours
toll free: (800) 876-0575
info@journeysoftheheart.net
www.journeysoftheheart.net

***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
(509) 328-6274
(800) 828-6274
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
(800) 732-1887
wacap@wacap.org
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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.**

***A Center for Adoption Services**

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Pre-placements and post-placement supervision

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China, Thailand, Ethiopia,
Burkina Faso, Ghana, Uganda

***Agape Adoptions**

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Sumner WA 98390
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China, Uganda, Romania, Bulgaria

All God's Children International

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www.ccsww.org/adoption
Korea. Also works cooperatively with agencies located in other states who have direct placing programs with many different countries.
Call Carol Ryan at 206-328-5921 to explore options.

Children's House International

P.O. Box 1829
Ferndale, WA 98248
(360) 383-0623
Email: chi4adopt@aol.com
www.childrenshouseinternational.com
Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, China, Ethiopia, Ghana, Haiti, Hungary, India, Morocco, Moldova, Poland, Republic of Georgia, Romania, Serbia

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Faith International Adoptions

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

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

P.O. Box 22317
Seattle, WA 98122
(206) 542-4932
24 hour crisis is: (800) 876-0575,
Fax: (888) 810-9725
www.journeysoftheheart.net
info@journeysoftheheart.net
India, China, Colombia, Uganda,
Democratic Republic of Congo

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
(800) 732-1887
wacap@wacap.org
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Bulgaria, China, D.R. Congo, Ethiopia,
India, Korea, Taiwan, Thailand

Support Groups for Families Built Through International Adoption

Asian Adult Adoptees of Washington

PO Box 19647

Seattle, WA 98109-6647

aaawash@gmail.com

[Www/aaawashington.org](http://www.aaawashington.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/aaawashington/>

Provides information on upcoming events, a social environment for friendships, films, youth mentorship and outreach events.

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 traditional and non-traditional (including LGBTQ) families alike, offering family and youth support services, adoption and foster care education, and advocacy throughout the entire process. Families come to FLO for free consultations on the adoption and foster care process as well as the required P.R.I.D.E. training and orientation. FLO also coordinates quarterly family respite events and quarterly family fun networking events and maintains an active website with resources and tools, including waiting family and children profiles.

Families with Children from China-Northwest

<http://fcc-nw.memberlodge.com/>

Sponsors Chinese New Year celebration, Summer Culture Camp, Mid-Autumn Moon Festival and other events. See links on the website for their newsletter, their electronic news group, and their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/51429736206/>. They also have a teen

Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/117579378315305/>

Families with Children from Vietnam

c/o Lea Ann Kaplan

(425) 489-2828

leaann@kaplanfamily.net

[www.kaplanfamily.net /FCV.htm](http://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, Washington State

(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/>

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

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-Area Guatemala Adoption

<http://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/SeattleGuatemalaAdoption/info>

An email group for Seattle-area Latin American adoptive families. Most members have adopted from Guatemala, but they are open to families who have adopted from other Latin American countries.

Northwest Ichild (India Child)

www.ichild.org
NW ichild is a group of families in the Pacific Northwest interested in issues concerning adoption from India (also Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and Nepal). They exist primarily as an email group, but they also get together in person in the Puget Sound area of Western Washington and the Willamette Valley of western Oregon.

Community Resources for International Adoption

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.

Section 3: Special Needs and Foster/Adoption Services

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 one of the community agencies listed here 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.bethany.org

***Children’s Home Society
of Washington – Wendy’s Wonderful
Kids Specialized Recruitment**

212 Fifth Avenue South
Kent, WA 98032
253-278-3745
www.childrenshomesociety.org

***Christian Family Adoptions**

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P.O. Box 22317
Seattle, WA 98122
(206) 274-1019
www.journeysoftheheart.net
info@journeysoftheheart.net

*** Lutheran Community Services**

Permanency Planning Program
115 NE 100th St, Suite 200
Seattle, WA 98125
(206) 694-5713;
fosteradopt@lcsnw.org

New Life Counseling of Wenatchee

1127 Grant Rd.
East Wenatchee WA 98802
509-888-2768, office & FAX
509-699-1866, cell
www.NewLifeCounseling.biz

***Open Adoption Services (Spokane Consultants in Family Living)**

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

Olive Crest - Pacific Northwest

515 116th Ave. NE, # 174
Bellevue, WA 98004
(425) 462-1612
E 505 Wedgewood
Spokane, WA 99208
(509) 468-0700
2839 W. Kennewick Ave., #364
Kennewick, WA 99336
95090 582-2221
Stewart Middle School
5010 Pacific Ave., Rm. 136
Tacoma, WA 98408
(253) 212-3521
www.olivecrest.org

Ujima Community Services

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

WACAP – Adoption Services

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wacap@wacap.org
www.wacap.org

Community Resources for Getting Started and Supporting Special Needs Adoptions

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Local Orphan Care at Overlake Christian Church

Redmond, Washington
(425) 284-2524
orphancare@occ.org
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.

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

Northwest Adoption Exchange (NWAE)

520 Pike Street, Suite 1350
Seattle, WA 98101
(800) 927-9411
www.nwae.org
www.adoptuskids.org for national waiting child list

Northwest Adoption Exchange maintains a professional photo and profile gallery that spotlights waiting foster children in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska, who are waiting for adoptive homes. The agency offers resources and helpful tips for families who are seeking to adopt, and facilitates their inquiries on waiting children. NWAE also support the caseworkers who advocate on behalf of children—and the caseworkers who represent families—with information and guidance.

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)

520 Pike Street, Suite 1350
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.

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

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	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
Friday Harbor	(360) 378-3283	Sunnyside	(509) 836-5750
Goldendale	(509) 773-7475	Tacoma	(253) 983-6201
Kelso	(360) 501-2601	Toppenish	(509) 865-1450
Long Beach	(360) 642-6235	Tumwater	(360) 725-6700
Lynnwood	(425) 673-3100	Vancouver	(360) 993-7900
Moses Lake	(509) 764-5757	Walla Walla	(509) 524-4900
Mt. Vernon	(360) 416-7200	Wenatchee	(509) 667-6100
Newport	(509) 447-6216	White Salmon	(509) 493-4814
Oak Harbor	(360) 679-7150	Yakima	(509) 225-6500
Olympia	(360) 725-6700		
Omak	(509) 846-2010		

Section 4: Resources for Independent Adoption

Attorneys with Adoption Specialties

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Steve Gish

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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 option, assistance with networking, and consultation on the post-placement contact agreement.. **Most providers travel to provide services.**

Statewide

A Center for Adoption Services
Dru Martin Groves, MA
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Southeast Washington

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mkrolsinclair@msn.com

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Section 5: General Community Resources and Support Groups

General Community Organizations and Consultants – Page 1

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Adoption Dynamics provides consultation services to best equip, educate and prepare families for success throughout the process of domestic adoption in Washington State. Consultation services include, but are not limited to, tools to save time and money, crafting together a distinct plan of action to move forward based on desired goals and outcomes, helpful resources to specific needs, overview of the adoption process and what to expect, education in specific areas where extra insight may be needed, and additional emotional support throughout the process.

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

174 Roy Street, Suite B, Seattle, WA 98109 (206) 498-9895

info@laurastone.org

Adoptive Families Magazine and www.adoptivefamilies.com

This bimonthly magazine has won awards from parenting organizations for their news and feature stories about all aspects of adoption. The Annual Adoption Guide, available online or in print, provides information about the costs of adoptions and average wait times.

ARIS – Adoption Referral and Information Service

Yolanda Comparan, MSW, Owner/Operator

(888) 777-1538; (425) 614-4444

Yolanda@adoptionreferralservice.com

www.adoptionreferralservice.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.

Child Welfare Information Gateway

(formerly the National Adoption Information Clearinghouse)

www.childwelfare.gov/adoption/

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.

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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, consultation and coaching on open adoption, culturally aware parenting, and resource coordination/finding for families with complex needs. She provides these consultations in person, over the phone, or as Adoptive Family Success Podcast on www.AdoptiveFamilySuccess.com and iTunes

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Adoption is a revolving journey. It is not just a choice, but also a decision that should be carefully and thoroughly thought through. It does not have a temporary outcome, but one, which is permanent for all parties involved. Rebecca provides consulting services to adoptive parents, including providing resources, direction and training. In addition, Rebecca also provides support services to those thinking about placing their child for adoption. This is a selfless decision for any parent to make and Rebecca will work with you to make certain your needs are met and you feel supported in your choice.

Community Organizations and Consultants – Page 3

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 traditional and non-traditional (including LGBTQ) families alike, offering family and youth support services, adoption and foster care education, and advocacy throughout the entire process. Families come to FLO for free consultations on the adoption and foster care process as well as the required P.R.I.D.E. training and orientation. FLO also coordinates quarterly family respite events and quarterly family fun networking events and maintains an active 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
206-477-1493

www.kingcounty.gov/courts/familycourt/services/adoption-services.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, relative adoptions or international re-adoptions. KCAS provides assistance to pro se parties (without attorneys) in finalizing their adoption for a fee and by appointment only. Maintains referral list of confidential intermediaries on its website. KCAS website also lists general information for parties seeking information on a particular adoption.

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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

affgsmembership@hotmail.com.

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

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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

18455 8th Ave. NE

Poulsbo, WA 98370

(360) 662-0630 (Gayle Kohler)

www.kitsadoptiongroup.org

Sponsors First Friday dinner, Mom's Night Out, Thursday play date, annual camping trip, annual barbecue, and annual Asian New Year. Visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/92542839394/>.

Section 6: Counseling Services: Child, Teen & 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 Puget Sound Providers

Attachment and Trauma Specialists

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Counseling services are available in many Bethany offices from South Sound to Bellingham. Check local offices for current services.

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Section 6: Counseling Services: Adult 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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Fax: (858) 712-3317
<http://www.cubirthparents.org/index.php>

Held: A Birth-Parent Support Page on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/167987213312428/>

Also see: Search and Reunion Services
(next page)

Writings by and about birth mothers—and birth fathers—are proliferating! Check on amazon.com for “Adoption Birth Mothers.” Some books about parenting will appear, but most of the entries are about the birth parent experience or about searching for and reuniting with birth parents.

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Section 8: Search and Reunion Resources

Non-Profit Search and Reunion Services

Adoptees Liberty Movement Association (ALMA)

PO Box 85
Denville, New Jersey 07834
Washington Coordinator:
(253) 927-1856 Ruth Keeler
<http://www.almasociety.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/109344539097611/>

Catholic Adoption Service of WA A program of Catholic Community Services of Western Washington

100 - 23rd Avenue South
Seattle, WA 98144
(206) 328-5921
(877) 865-5944
Provides Non-Identifying Information, Search and Reunion service for adoptees and birth parents served by Catholic Children's Services or Catholic Community Services in Western Washington.
Description of services and required forms on our web page at
www.ccsww.org/adoption

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 in Washington State.

International Soundex Reunion Registry (ISRR)

P.O. Box 2312
Carson City, NV 89702-2312
(775) 882-7755
<http://www.isrr.org/index.htm>

The International Soundex Reunion Registry is a non-profit, tax exempt, charitable organization founded in 1975. This agency serves the needs of family members who have been separated from each other by adoption, divorce, foster care, institutional care, abandonment, or other crisis

WA-CARE

Washington Coalition for Adoptee Rights and Equality

Provides links to online search and reunion services, including links for DNA searches.
www.wa-care.com

Washington Adoption Reunion Movement (WARM)

5960 Sixth Ave. South, Suite 213
Seattle, WA 98108
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warm@warmsearch.org
www.warmsearch.org

WARM also provides peer counseling contacts through their WARM Shoulders program and support groups. WARM's **Pierce county support group** meets monthly. Info on other support groups is on the website. WARM Shoulders contacts are coordinated through the office.

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 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.