

The Washington State Adoption Council's
2011
Adoption Information Exchange

On the web at

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.

Section 1	Domestic Adoption Agencies	Page 3-4
Section 2	International Adoption Resources . . .	Page 5-8
	Agencies	
	Support Groups	
	Community Resources	
Section 3	Special Needs/Foster Adoption	Page 9-14
	Agencies	
	Community Organizations	
	DSHS Offices	
Section 4	Independent Adoption Resources . . .	Page 15-18
	Attorneys	
	Independent Homestudy Providers	
Section 5	General Community Resources	Page 19-21
	Organisations	
	Support Groups	
Section 6	Counselors	Page 22-23
Section 7	Search and Reunion Resources	Page 24

The 2011 Adoption Information Exchange

The Adoption Information Exchange has been available to share information about adoption resources with the people of Western Washington since 1977.

2011 Update Committee

Denise Sterchi, LICSW, Editor	206-276-6063
Michael Blum, MSW, Nitpicker-in-Chief	206-819-8470
Kristin Barber, Adoption Social Worker	360-734-0362
Nancy Westmore, Technical Writer	206-567-4023

The listed organization or individual has contributed all of the information included. Users of this list are encouraged to further research the quality of the listings. **The 2011 Update Committee and the Washington State Adoption Council neither recommend nor endorse any individual or organization.**

Submit updates, questions, or requests for copies to Denise Sterchi, LICSW, Editor of the Update, at (206) 276-6063 or denisesterchi@nwlink.com. **Permission is hereby granted to any and all to make copies of this document and distribute as widely as possible.**

Donations for printing this and future updates are greatly appreciated and will enable the continuation of this service. **Please send donations for photocopies to:**

Washington State Adoption Council
c/o Mark Demaray
145 Third Avenue S, Suite 201
Edmonds, WA 98020

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
www.drugroves.org

A Child's Dream

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

***Adoption Advocates International**

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

***Adoption Assistance & Homestudy Services**

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

***Adoption Connections, Inc.**

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

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**

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

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

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
(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
wacap@wacap.org
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

***Agape Adoptions**

1003 1/2 Main Street, Suite 5
Sumner WA 98390
(253) 987-5804
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@allgodschildren.org
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
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
Korea

Section 2: International Adoption Agencies – Page 2

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 |
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 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

Seattle Guatemala Adoption

seattleguatemaladoption@
yahoogroups.com

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

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.

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

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

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
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

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
1400 NE 136th Ave., Suite 201
Vancouver, WA 98684
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

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

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.

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.

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

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
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.

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.

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	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

Greater Seattle Area

David V. Andersen

5507 35th Avenue NE
Seattle, WA 98105
(206) 547-1400;
andersen@holmancahill.com
www.holmancahill.com

Janna J. Annest

Mills Meyers Swartling
1000 Second Avenue, 30th Floor
Seattle, WA 98104
(206) 382-1000
jannest@mms-seattle.com
www.annestadopt.com

Rita L. Bender

Raegen N. Rasnic
1301 5th Avenue, Suite 3401
Seattle, WA 98101-2605
(206) 623-6501;
rbender@skellengerbender.com
rrasnic@skellengerbender.com
www.skellengerbender.com

Mark Demaray

145 Third Avenue S, Suite 201
Edmonds, WA 98020
(425) 776-4100;
markdemaray@msn.com
washingtonadoptionattorney.com

Michele Gentry Hinz

33035 52nd Ave. S.
Auburn, WA 98001
(253) 740-0667
michelehinz@hotmail.com

Ruth I. Kimball

535 Evergreen Building
15 South Grady Way
Renton WA 98057
Phone (425) 271-4437
www.Kimball-Law.com

Albert Lirhus

1200 Fifth Ave., Ste. 1550
Seattle, WA 98101
(206) 728-5858
Fax: (206) 728-5863
lirhus@lk-legal.com
www.lk-legal.com

Karen Nakagawa

9500 Roosevelt Way N.E., Suite 301
Seattle, WA 98115
(206) 545-0070 PHONE
karen@khnlaw.com
www.khnlaw.com

Marilyn S. Smith

P.O. Box 30828
Seattle, WA 98113
(206) 587-6575
marilynssmith@gmail.com

Andrew J. Schneider

1200 Fifth Ave., Ste. 1550
Seattle, WA 98101
(206) 624-9400 - Seattle
(425) 444-8226 – Eastside
aschneider@lk-legal.com

Joyce S. Schwensen

6814 Greenwood Ave. N.
Seattle, WA 98103
(206) 781-2570
Joyce@schwensenlaw.com
www.schwensenlaw.com

Attorneys with Adoption Specialties - Page 2

Greater Seattle Area **(Continued)**

Marilyn Smith
P.O. Box 30828
Seattle, WA 98113
(206) 587-6575
marilynsmith@gmail.com

Barbara J. Wechsler
2927 - 36th Ave. South
Seattle, Washington 98144
(206) 725-4230
wechsler@aol.com
www.barbarawechsler.com

Northwest Washington

Ken Brewe
Sabrina Layman
3525 Colby Avenue, Suite 333
Everett, WA 98201
(425) 252-5167
sabrinal@brewelaw.com
www.brewelaw.com

Larry Daugert
300 North Commercial Blvd.
Bellingham, WA 98225
(360) 733-0212

Kitsap County

Anne Montgomery
Ryan Sells Uptegraft, Inc. P.S.
9657 Levin Rd., NW, Ste. 240
Silverdale, WA 98383
(360) 307-8860
annem@rsulaw.com
www.rsulaw.com

South Sound

Michele G. Hinz
33035 52nd Ave. S.
Auburn, WA 98001
(253) 740-0667
Fax: (253) 322-4769
michelehinz@hotmail.com

Eastern Washington

Jacqueline I. Stam
Cowan Moore, Stam, Luke, Petersen, PS
503 Knight Street, #A
PO Box 927
Richland, WA 99352
(509) 943-2676
Fax: (509) 946-4257
jstam@cowanmoore.com

J. Eric Gustafson
PO Box 1689
Yakima, WA 98907
(509) 248-7220
saberle@lyon-law.com

Mark R. Iverson
921 West Broadway, Suite 301
Spokane, WA 99201
(509) 462-3678
www.adoptionwa.com

Olympia/Southwest Washington

Micah Davis
Morse, Bratt Andrews & Foster PLLC
108 E Mill Plain Blvd
Vancouver, WA 98660
(360) 213-2040
Fax: (360) 213-2030
mdavis@mbavancouverlaw.com

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

Mike Saunderson, MSW
P.O. Box 731128
Puyallup, WA 98374
(206) 452-2007; (800) 643-3960
mike@adoptionhomestudyservice.com
www.adoptionhomestudyservice.com

Tacoma/Olympia/Vancouver

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

Karen Buckley, LICSW

2608 Pacific, Suite C
Olympia, WA 98501
(360) 556-0201
kayinwa@comcast.net

Gail Robinson, MA

4115F Bridgeport Way W
University Place, WA 98466
(253) 759-8165
gailr@serv.net

Tacoma/Olympia/Vancouver

(Continued)

Carol Scott, MA

5719 S. Gove St.
Tacoma, WA 98409
(253) 431-2886
carol1scott1@comcast.net

Lori Whittaker, LICSW

2302 NE 149th St.
Vancouver, WA 98686
(360) 576-6597;
(503)998-2218
www.loriwhittaker.com
loriwhittaker@msn.com

Southeast Washington

Adoption Home Study Reports, LLC

Mary Anne Krol
P.O. Box 1192
Richland, WA 99352
(509) 528-5327; (509) 545-6833
mkrolsinclair@msn.com

Northwest Washington

Kristin Barber

2306 Henry St.
Bellingham, WA 98225
(360) 734-0362
www.homestudiesnorthwest.com

JoAnn M. Vesper, LICSW

P.O. Box 28205
Bellingham, WA 98228
(360) 714-9189
joann.vesper@gmail.com

Independent Providers of Pre- and Post-Placement Reports – Page 2: Central Puget Sound Providers

Patricia Beasley, MPH
9185 Spargur Loop Rd.
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110
(206) 842-6658
frogrock85@aol.com

Barbara Boas, MSW, MPH
P O Box 1698
Silverdale, WA 98383
(360) 692-7418
barbboas@gmail.com

Deb Brinley-Koempel, LICSW
Bainbridge Island, WA
(206) 949-8430
brinleykoempel@gmail.com

Children's Home Society
3300 NE 65th St.
Seattle, WA 98115
Cheramy Hassen
(206) 695-3233; (206) 418-9335
cheramyh@chs-wa.org

Jill Dziko, LICSW
(206) 408-7219
jilldz@comcast.net

Seta Ghazarian, MA, LICSW
P.O. Box 70810
Seattle, WA 98107
(206) 228.8535; Fax:(206) 902.5279
seta.ghaz@gmail.com
www.seta-ghazarian.com

Dru Martin Groves, MA
602 Alder Ave NE
Bainbridge, WA 98110
(206) 780-1972
www.drugroves.org
dru@drugroves.org

Fran Thoreen, LICSW
(800) 331-8620

Patricia Kalafus, LICSW
6817 Greenwood Ave N
Seattle WA 98103-5227
(206) 783-0723

K&C Adoption Home Studies
Debora Kunka, LICSW
(425) 652-1542
Merissa Clyde, MSW
(206) 335-2370
P.O. Box 3832, **Bellevue, WA 98009**
Adoptionhomestudies@gmail.com
www.adoptionhomestudywa.com

Diane Lostrangio, LICSW
P. O. Box 28366
Seattle, WA 98118
(206) 799-4736; dladopt@hotmail.com
Blog address: blog.makingfamilywork.com

Anne Moody, MSW
9759 NE Pine St.
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110
(206) 842-2810;
Moody.anne@gmail.com

Debra L. Scott, MA
Adoption Consultants of Washington
Snohomish
(425) 330-8980; Fax: (425) 338-7652
adoptionconsultants@yahoo.com

Denise Sterchi, LICSW
843 NE 66th Street
Seattle, WA 98115
(206) 276-6063
denisesterchi@nwlink.com
www.Denisesterchi.com

Joan Ward, MSW, LICSW
4616 25th NE, #186
Seattle, WA 98105
(206) 794-5991; Fax: (206) 367-0024
joanward@comcast.net

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

Yolanda Comparan, MSW, Owner/Operator
(888) 777-1538; (425) 614-4444
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 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
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.

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

General Community Resources and Support Groups, Page 2

Yolanda Comparan, MSW

Adoption Success Coach

(425) 445-7787

www.adoptionsuccesscoach.com

Yolanda@adoptionsuccesscoach.com

Blogs: www.adoptioncoachonline.com

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

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.

General Community Resources and Support Groups, Page 3

Kristen Yagle Consulting LLC, Adoption Consultant

7346 21st Ave NE Seattle, WA 98115 (206) 399-0941

kristenyagle@q.com; www.kristenyagleconsulting.com

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

(360) 662-0630 (Gayle Kohler)

www.kitsadoptiongroup.org;

adoption@comcast.net

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

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
(206) 409-9355
mccreech@drizzle.com

Cascadia Training

Certificate Program in Adoption and Foster Care Therapy, Graduates List:
www.cascadia-training.org

Gayle McDougall-Treacy, MA, LMHC

2012 NE 65th St.
Seattle, WA 98115
(206) 276-8216;
gaylemt@juno.com

Kate O'Brien, LICSW

Infant & Toddler Mental Health
1523 E Madison
Seattle, WA 98122
(206) 235-1768
kambiri@comcast.net

Heidi Pacher, LMHC, CMHS

Ryther Child Center
2400 NE 95th St.
Seattle, WA 98115
(206) 517-0297
HeidiP@ryther.org

Laura Stone, MA, LMHC

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

Sandy Swan, M.Ed. L.M.H.C.

1400 Talbot Road South,
Suite 106
Renton, WA 98055
(253) 234-4459
sandy.swan.m.ed@gmail.com

Darcia C. Tudor, JD LMFT

Eastside Mediation and Mental Health
5400 Carillon Point
Kirkland 98033
(206) 547-3166
darciatudor@mac.com
www.darciatudor.com

Child and Adult Specialists – Page 2

Olympic Peninsula

Martina Abba-Richard, LICSW
105 Hancock St.
Port Townsend, WA 98368
(360)379-8779
lighthousecounseling@
cablespeed.com

Patricia O. Copeland, MS
71 Randolph St.
Port Hadlock, WA 98339
(360) 385-7478

Dott Kelly, LMHC
Jumping Mouse Children's Center
1729 Spruce Street
Port Townsend, WA 98368
(360) 385-6467

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.

Martha Faulkner, LMHC
6523 21st NE #5
Seattle, WA 98115
(206) 726-2114

Patricia Kalafus, LICSW
6817 Greenwood Ave N
Seattle, WA 98103-5227
(206) 783-0723

Renie Hope, MA LMHC
11520 23rd Ave. NE
Seattle, WA 98125
(206) 365-3817
www.enneagramseattle.com/index.htm.

Gayle McDougall-Treacy, MA, LMHC
2012 NE 65th St.
Seattle, WA 98115
(206) 276-8216;
gaylemt@juno.com

Denise Sterchi, LICSW
843 NE 66th St.
Seattle, WA 98115
(206) 276-6063
www.Denisesterchi.com

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 Firgueras 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/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.