

## **ADOPTION-RELATED SUPPORT GROUPS**

### **Canopy Center's Parent Stressline**

Phone: (608) 241-2221

A listening line open to callers 8 am to 10 pm, 365 days a year. Anonymous and confidential. Staffed by trained parent advocates. It is available to parents and caretakers who are experiencing stress or who just need someone to listen. Parent advocates strive to assist callers with finding solutions to their problems and make referrals to appropriate community services. Spanish speaking services are available.

### **Adult Adoptee Support Group**

Email: [MadisonAdoptees@groups.facebook.com](mailto:MadisonAdoptees@groups.facebook.com)

Facebook support group.

### **FACE - Kids**

Contact: Emily Jaime

Phone: (608) 256-2358 ext 27

Email: [ejaime@ccmadison.org](mailto:ejaime@ccmadison.org)

Quality mental health group counseling services for children who are in need of supportive group counseling in Dane and Rock counties. Community partner agencies: Catholic Charities (lead agency), Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services, Family Service Madison, Agrace, Lutheran Social Services, Journey Mental Health Center, and The Rainbow Project.

### **Families Through Korean Adoption**

Contact: Yvonne Onsager

Email: [onsagerfamily@gmail.com](mailto:onsagerfamily@gmail.com)

Email: [FTKAmadison@gmail.com](mailto:FTKAmadison@gmail.com)

Website: [www.ftkamadison.org](http://www.ftkamadison.org)

Group meets at various locations to provide support in a social setting to families in the process of or who have already adopted children from Korea.

### **FRUA (Families for Russian and Ukrainian Adoption)**

Contact: Jodi McMahon, FRUA Upper Midwest chairperson

Email: [fruauppermidwest@gmail.com](mailto:fruauppermidwest@gmail.com)

Website: <http://www.frua.org/>

Includes neighboring countries

### **Healing Hearts Adoption/Foster-Care Parent Support Group**

Contact: Cathy Brock

Email: [cathy@healingheartscares.com](mailto:cathy@healingheartscares.com)

Phone: 608-834-1122 Ext. 1

Adoption/Foster Care Parent-Led Support Group. The group meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6-7:30pm. Each month has either a speaker or specific topic to be discussed.

### **Knit Together Foster and Adoption Support Group**

Email: [knit-together@hotmail.com](mailto:knit-together@hotmail.com)

Facebook: "Knit Together Foster and Adoption Support Group"

Group generally meets one Saturday a month to provide support, friendship, encouragement, and resources to foster and adoptive families in the Madison, WI area. Meetings are social/dinner gatherings (kids included). A church has been kind enough to allow us to use their space, but our group is not religiously affiliated. Foster and adoptive families of all backgrounds are welcome. Please join us to connect with other foster and adoptive families.

### **Latin American Adoptive Families of Wisconsin (LAAF-WI)**

Contact: Tami Stubbe, LAAF's southern Wisconsin regional representative

Email: [southwestregion@laafwi.org](mailto:southwestregion@laafwi.org)

Provides support, guidance and information for families wishing to adopt from Latin America as well as after adoption completion.

### **Madison Adoptive Families**

Email: [lizpat00@gmail.com](mailto:lizpat00@gmail.com)

Facebook: "Madison Adoptive Families"

Adoptive families support group. Facebook group to facilitate communication related to meetings. Through exposure and relationships with other adoptive families, we hope to normalize adoption and promote healthy adjustment in our children.

### **Madison Families with Children from China**

Email: [madisonfamilieschinesechildren@gmail.com](mailto:madisonfamilieschinesechildren@gmail.com)

Facebook: "Families with Children from China – Madison, WI"

A resource and referral group.

### **Milagros de Guatemala**

Contact: Lori DuRussel

Phone: (608) 833-4211

Email: [lduruss@yahoo.com](mailto:lduruss@yahoo.com)

A support network for families who have adopted from Guatemala.

**Moms' Night Out**

Contact: Judi Hoang

Phone: (608) 826-8009; (800) 236-4673 Toll-Free

Email: [postadoption@ccmadison.org](mailto:postadoption@ccmadison.org)

An informal evening for pre-adoptive, post-adoptive, and foster moms to connect and support each other. Group meets once a quarter at various restaurants usually from 6:30pm-8:00pm. Please call or email for more information.

**Post Adoption Resource Center of MKE and SE Wisconsin Facebook Support Group**

Phone: (800) 762-2063

Email: [info@coalitionforcyf.org](mailto:info@coalitionforcyf.org)

Facebook: "Post Adoption Resource Center of MKE and SE Wisconsin"

A closed Facebook support group for adoptive families.

**The Rainbow Project - Grandparents and Other Relatives as Parents**

Phone: (608) 255-7356

Email: [info@therainbowproject.net](mailto:info@therainbowproject.net)

Website: <http://therainbowproject.net/programs/>

Monthly support and education group.

**Reactive Attachment Disorder Support Group**

Contact: Tish Carlson

Phone: (608) 495-0117

Email: [tishricarlson@ymail.com](mailto:tishricarlson@ymail.com)

Monthly support group for parents who are raising children with Reactive Attachment Disorder. Contact Tish for location details.

**Wisconsin Family Ties – Parent Support Group Meetings**

Phone: (608) 267-6888 or (800) 422-7145

Email: [info@wifamilyties.org](mailto:info@wifamilyties.org)

For parents who are raising children who have emotional, behavioral, mental, and/or substance use disorders.