

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

Facebook support group.

FACE - Kids

Contact Person: Emily Jaime

Phone: (608) 256-2358 ext 27

Email: 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.

Knit Together Foster and Adoption Support Group

Email: 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.

Families Through Korean Adoption

Contact Person: Yvonne Onsager

Email: onsagerfamily@gmail.com

Email: FTKAmadison@gmail.com

Website: 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) - includes neighboring countries

Contact Person: Jodi McMahon, FRUA Upper Midwest chairperson

Email: fruauppermidwest@gmail.com

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

Healing Hearts Adoption/Foster-Care Parent Support Group

Contact Person: Cathy Brock

Email: cathy@healingheartscare.com

Phone: 608-834-1122 Ext. 1

Group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Healing Hearts Family Counseling Center, 1268 W. main Street, Sun Prairie. Email or call to get more information about who the speaker will be each month.

Latin American Adoptive Families of Wisconsin (LAAF-WI)

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

Email: 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: lizpatoo@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

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

A resource and referral group.

Milagros de Guatemala

Contact Person: Lori DuRussel

Phone: (608) 833-4211

Email: lduruss@yahoo.com

A support network for families who have adopted from Guatemala.

The Rainbow Project - Grandparents and Other Relatives as Parents

Phone: (608) 255-7356

Email: info@therainbowproject.net

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

Monthly support and education group.

Reactive Attachment Disorder Support Group

Contact Person: Tish Carlson

Phone: (608) 495-0117

Email: tishricarlson@ymail.com

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

Teen/Preteen Support Group

Contact Person: Amy Steuer, Post Adoption Resource Center

Phone: (800) 236-4673 ext. 21 (Toll-Free)

Email: postadoption@ccmadison.org

Website: www.parcssouthernwi.org

Six week sessions. Screening interview is necessary to participate.

Wisconsin Family Ties – Parent Support Group Meetings

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

Email: info@wifamilyties.org

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