

ADOPTION-RELATED SUPPORT GROUPS

Canopy Center's Parent Stress Line **(608) 241-2221**

A listening line open to callers 8am-10pm, 365 days/year. Anonymous and confidential. Staffed by trained parent advocates. 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

Contact: [MadisonAdoptees@groups.facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/MadisonAdoptees)

Facebook support group.

Adoption Foster Support Group Monthly Gathering for Families (meets in Madison)

Contact: adoptfostermadison@gmail.com or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/499401416914489>

Coffee Talk: Adoptive & Foster Moms' Night Out (Dane and Rock Counties)

Contact: Judi Hoang (608) 826-8009 or (800) 236-4673 or postadoption@ccmadison.org,
parcsouthernwi.org, <http://parcsouthernwi.eventbrite.com/>

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. We also have a closed Facebook group for moms who have attended at least one of our Mom's Night Out events to stay in touch between get-togethers and share resources. The closed group is called **Coffee Talk: Adoptive & Foster Moms' Night Out**

Families Through Korean Adoption

Contact: Yvonne Onsager onsagerfamily@gmail.com or FTKAmadison@gmail.com
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 fruauppermidwest@gmail.com
<http://www.frua.org/> Includes neighboring countries.

Knit Together Foster and Adoption Support Group

knit-together@hotmail.com

Facebook: A closed Facebook group - "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 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

Contact: lizpat00@gmail.com

Facebook: A closed Facebook group. Search "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 Area Adoptive Families

Facebook: A closed Facebook group. Search "Madison Area Adoptive Families"

The purpose of the group is to have a place to discuss adoption issues and ask questions. It's also a place to keep in touch, plan playdates, post pictures of our families, and just CONNECT.

Madison Families with Children from China

Contact: madisonfamilieschinesechildren@gmail.com

Facebook: A public Facebook group. Search "Families with Children from China – Madison, WI"

A resource and referral group. Parents, family members and adoptees from China.

Milagros de Guatemala

Contact: Lori DuRussel (608) 833-4211 lduruss@yahoo.com

A support network for families who have adopted from Guatemala.

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

Contact: (800) 762-2063; info@coalitionforcyf.org

Facebook: A closed Facebook group.

This group is exclusively for families who have adopted internationally, domestically, through foster care or kinship.

The Rainbow Project - Grandparents and Other Relatives as Parents

Contact: (608) 255-7356, info@therainbowproject.net <http://therainbowproject.net/programs/>

Monthly support and education group.

Reactive Attachment Disorder Support Group

Contact: Tish Carlson (608) 495-0117 tishricarlson@ymail.com

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

Sauk Prairie Area Foster & Adoptive Family Group

Contact: Tara Langley (608) 513-1413 todyefor2@hotmail.com

Social gathering for adoptive and foster families living in the Sauk Prairie area.

Transracial Teens

Contact: Rosita Gonzalez or Grace Newton transracialteens@gmail.com

A safe space to discuss our lived experiences as transracial adoptees, adoptees Rosita González and Grace Newton will host this once a month gathering. Teens in grades 8-12 are encouraged to attend.

This is an adoptees-only event.

UMOJA: A Black Heritage Experience

Contact: Julie Ryno (920) 373-0192 jmryno@att.net <http://www.umojabhe.org/>

A powerful weekend experience for transracial families (primarily families with black children and parents of another culture). The weekend includes age appropriate breakout sessions and large group cultural celebrations. The goal is to empower parents to raise children that will:

- Have a positive black identity
- Be able to talk about race in an honest and open way
- Feel comfortable in all different cultures

Wisconsin Family Ties – Parent Support Group Meetings

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

info@wifamilyties.org

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