



**National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information  
National Adoption Information Clearinghouse**



*Gateways to Information: Protecting Children and Strengthening Families*

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## **National Adoption Organizations that Provide Support to Adopted Persons, Adoptive Parents, and Families**

The following organizations are among many that provide support to adoptees, adoptive parents, and other family members touched by adoption. If you are aware of any others, please contact the Clearinghouse. Inclusion on this list is for information purposes only and does not constitute an endorsement by the Clearinghouse or the Children's Bureau.

### **AARP Grandparent Information Center (AARP GIC)**

601 E Street NW  
Washington, DC, 20049  
Phone: (202) 434-2296  
Fax: (202) 434-6470  
Email: [gic@aarp.org](mailto:gic@aarp.org)  
URL: <http://www.aarp.org/confacts/programs/gic.html>

The AARP GIC is a program of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). The GIC is a primary resource for grandparents in traditional and non-traditional family roles, including grandparents raising grandchildren and step-grandparents. Among the topics addressed are grandparents traveling with grandchildren, the visitation rights of grandparents, parenting grandchildren, and grandparent support groups.

### **American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP)**

3615 Wisconsin Avenue NW  
Washington, DC, 20016-3007  
Phone: (202) 966-7300  
Fax: (202) 966-2891  
URL: <http://www.aacap.org/>

The mission of AACAP, a professional medical organization of child and adolescent psychiatrists, is to promote mentally healthy children, adolescents, and families through research, training, advocacy, prevention, comprehensive diagnosis and treatment, peer support, and collaboration.

### **American Counseling Association (ACA)**

5999 Stevenson Avenue  
Alexandria, VA, 22304  
Phone: (703) 823-0252  
Fax: (800) 473-2329  
TDD: (703) 823-6862  
Toll-Free: (800) 347-6647  
URL: <http://www.counseling.org>

The American Counseling Association is a non-profit professional and educational organization that provides leadership training, publications, continuing education opportunities, and advocacy services to its members. ACA assisted in setting professional and ethical standards for the counseling profession, working towards strengthening the accreditation, licensure, and national certification of counselors.

### **American Foster Care Resources, Inc. (AFCR)**

P.O. Box 271  
King George, VA, 22485  
Phone: (540) 775-7410  
Fax: (540) 775-3271  
Email: [afcr@afcr.com](mailto:afcr@afcr.com)  
URL: <http://www.afcr.com>

AFCR is a publisher of resource materials for foster care providers, the children in care and their families, and the placing agency's staff and administration. AFCR's publications cover such topics as ADHD, discipline, sexual abuse, independent living, recruitment, and support groups.

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### **National Adoption Information Clearinghouse**

330 C St., SW  
Washington, DC 20447  
(703) 352-3488 or (888) 251-0075  
[naic@caliber.com](mailto:naic@caliber.com)  
<http://naic.acf.hhs.gov/>

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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services



**Concerned United Birthparents, Inc. (CUB)**

P.O. Box 230457  
Encinitas, CA, 92023  
Fax: (760) 929-1879  
Toll-Free: (800) 822-2777  
Email: [info@CUBirthparents.org](mailto:info@CUBirthparents.org)  
URL: <http://www.cubirthparents.org>

CUB's mission is to provide support to birthparents who have relinquished a child to adoption, to provide resources to help prevent unnecessary family separations, to educate the public about the life-long effects on all who are touched by adoption, and to advocate for fair and ethical adoption laws, policies, and practices.

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

P.O. Box 2944  
Merrifield, VA, 22116  
Phone: (703) 560-6184  
Fax: (413) 480-8257  
Email: [info@frua.org](mailto:info@frua.org)  
URL: <http://www.frua.org/>

FRUA is an international parent support network for families who have adopted or are in the process of adopting from the former Soviet Union, Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, and other Eastern European countries. FRUA is not an adoption agency nor do they place children.

**Grandparents Rights Organization (GRO)**

100 West Long Lake Road  
Suite 250  
Bloomfield Hills, MI, 48304  
Phone: (248) 646-7177  
Fax: (248) 646-9722  
Email: [RSVLaw@aol.com](mailto:RSVLaw@aol.com)  
URL: <http://www.grandparentsrights.org>

The Grandparents Rights Organization is a national volunteer nonprofit organization founded in 1984 by executive director Richard S. Victor. GRO's purpose is to educate and support grandparents and grandchildren and to advocate their desire to continue the grandparent-grandchild relationship, which may be threatened by the death or divorce of the parents.

**Inter-National Adoption Alliance (IAA)**

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2441 Q Old Fort Parkway  
Murfreesboro, TN, 37128  
Email: [interadopt@comcast.net](mailto:interadopt@comcast.net)  
URL: <http://www.i-a-a.org/>

The Inter-National Adoption Alliance is a nonprofit organization designed to provide cultural resources for transracial/transcultural adoptees and their families, to advocate for those adoptees and families, and to increase awareness of children waiting to be adopted worldwide and the programs that serve them.

**Korean American Adoptee Adoptive Family Network (KAAN)**

P.O. Box 5585  
El Dorado Hills, CA, 95762  
Phone: (916) 933-1447  
Email: [KAANet@aol.com](mailto:KAANet@aol.com)  
URL: <http://www.KAANet.com/>

The central mission of the Korean American Adoptee Adoptive Family Network is to network groups and individuals related to Korean adoptions. KAAN facilitates dialogue, promotes resource sharing, and disseminates information. KAAN works with its members, the Korean American community, and the Korean government to promote awareness of Korean adoption issues and develop programs that will benefit both the adoption and Korean communities.

**Korean Focus for Adoptive Families**

1906 Sword Lane  
Alexandria, VA, 22308  
Email: [info@koreanfocus.org](mailto:info@koreanfocus.org)  
URL: <http://www.koreanfocus.org>

Korean Focus is a support organization for families with children from Korea. Korean Focus provides families, adoptees, adoptive parents, and birthparents touched by Korean adoption with information and programs on Korean culture and the adoption experience. Korean Focus is nonprofit, parent-directed, and agency-independent.

**National Adoption Center (NAC)**

1500 Walnut Street  
Suite 701  
Philadelphia, PA, 19102  
Toll-Free: (800) TO-ADOPT  
Email: [nac@nationaladoptioncenter.org](mailto:nac@nationaladoptioncenter.org)  
URL: <http://www.nationaladoptioncenter.org>

The National Adoption Center expands adoption opportunities for children throughout the United States, particularly children with special needs and from minority cultures.

**National Council for Single Adoptive Parents (NCSAP)**

P.O. Box 567  
Mount Hermon, CA, 95041  
Toll-Free: (888) 490-4600  
Email: [info@ncsap.com](mailto:info@ncsap.com)  
URL: <http://www.ncsap.org>

The National Council for Single Adoptive Parents (formerly the Committee for Single Adoptive Parents) was founded to inform and assist single people in the United States who want to adopt children. The Council supports the right of adoptable children to have loving families, regardless of differences in race, creed, color, national origin, or disability. The National Council for Single Adoptive Parents is a member of the Joint Council on International Children's Services and the North American Council on Adoptable Children.

**National Foster Parent Association (NFPA)**

7512 Stanich Avenue  
No. 6  
Gig Harbor, WA, 98335  
Phone: (253) 853-4000  
Fax: (253) 853-4001  
Toll-Free: (800) 557-5238  
Email: [info@NFPAINC.org](mailto:info@NFPAINC.org)  
URL: <http://www.nfpainc.org>

The National Foster Parent Association is a nonprofit volunteer organization established in 1972. The Association's purpose is to bring together foster parents, agency representatives, and people in the community to improve the foster care system. NFPA promotes mutual coordination, cooperation, and communication among foster parents, foster parent associations, child care agencies, and other child advocates in an effort to encourage the recruitment and retention of foster parents and to inform the Association's membership and the general public of particular children needing foster care placement.

**National Resource Center for Community-Based Family Resource and Support Programs (FRIENDS)**

20 North Wacker Drive  
Suite 1100  
Chicago, IL, 60606  
Phone: (312) 338-0900  
Fax: (312) 338-1522  
Email: [svelazquez@familysupportamerica.org](mailto:svelazquez@familysupportamerica.org)  
URL: <http://www.friendsnrc.org>

FRIENDS is the National Resource Center for the Community-Based Family Resource Services program (CBFRS). FRIENDS supports State efforts to create a statewide network of community-based, family-centered, prevention-focused, family resource and support programs. The goal is to strengthen families and lessen the occurrences of child abuse and neglect. FRIENDS (it stands for Family Resource Information, Education, and Network Development Services) offers a range of services to assist States, Tribal organizations, and local programs in developing community-based family resource programs and networks. FRIENDS is part of the Children's Bureau Training and Technical Assistance Network.

**National Resource Center for Youth Development  
(NRCYD)**

University of Oklahoma, College of Continuing  
Education  
4502 East 41st Street  
Building 4W  
Tulsa, OK, 74135  
Phone: (918) 660-3700  
Fax: (918) 660-3737  
Email: hlock@ou.edu  
URL: <http://www.nrcys.ou.edu/nrcyd>

The National Resource Center for Youth Development was created to help States, Tribes, and agencies implement the Adoption and Safe Families Act (1997) and the Foster Care Independence Act (1999). Funded by the Children's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Center provides training and technical assistance in developing policies that incorporate the legislation. The Center also assists the States and agencies in building capacity to deliver culturally competent, competency-based services; incorporate youth development/involvement approaches into all areas of programs and services; prepare for the statewide assessment portion of the CFSR initiative; develop and implement program improvements based on the CFSR review; and assist in permanency planning for adolescents.

**National Respite Coalition (NRC)**

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Annandale, VA, 22003  
Phone: (703) 256-9578  
Email: jbkagan@aol.com  
URL: <http://www.archrespite.org/NRC.htm>

The mission of the National Respite Coalition, an initiative of the ARCH National Respite Network, is to secure quality, accessible, planned, and crisis respite services for all families and caregivers who need them to strengthen and stabilize families and enhance child and adult safety. The Coalition works to achieve these goals by preserving and promoting respite in policy and programs at the national, State, and local levels.

**North American Council on Adoptable Children  
(NACAC)**

970 Raymond Avenue  
Suite 106  
St. Paul, MN, 55114  
Phone: (651) 644-3036  
Fax: (651) 644-9848  
Email: [info@nacac.org](mailto:info@nacac.org)  
URL: <http://www.nacac.org>

Founded by adoptive parents, the North American Council on Adoptable Children is committed to meeting the needs of waiting children in the foster care system and the families who adopt them. The Council advocates the right of every child to a permanent, continuous, nurturing, and culturally sensitive family, and presses for the legal adoptive placement of any child denied that right.

**Stars of David International, Inc.**

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Suite 100  
Northbrook, IL, 60062-1915  
Toll-Free: (800) STAR-349  
Email: [info@starsofdavid.org](mailto:info@starsofdavid.org)  
URL: <http://www.starsofdavid.org>

Stars of David International is a nonprofit information and support network for Jewish and partly-Jewish adoptive families of all sizes, ages, and origins. Encompassing every branch of Judaism, Stars of David serves, through local chapter activities and international mailings, conventional adoptive families, prospective parents, single parents, grandparents, interfaith couples, transracial and transcultural families, and those with children by birth and adoption.