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Adoption Organizations and Publications

Adoptable Kids

www.adoptablekids.com

AdoptableKids.com is a photo listing of children awaiting adoption. It is a free community service dedicated to helping U.S. foster children and children around the world have loving, permanent homes.

Adopt America Network

adoptamericanetwork.org

Adopt America Network places special needs children into permanent homes through a network of adoption specialists. This website contains a sample of children seeking adoptive homes and an online application to receive more information.

Adopting.com

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Resources for prospective adoptive parents: How to get started, links to agencies, facilitators and attorneys, letters from birth parents, support groups, and legal information. Also includes a photo listing of waiting children.

Adoption.NET

www.adoption.net/

Adoption.net is an adoption community and online resource for birthmothers, adoptees, adoptive parents, foster parents, and adoption professionals. The site features editorial content, videos, interviews, articles and blogs, as well as adoption and foster care resources. We empower our community by informing and educating people about adoption, international adoption, and foster care.

Adopting.org

www.adopting.org

This website contains a wide variety of adoption topics and resources.

The Adoption Exchange

www.adoptex.org

The Adoption Exchange provides the connection between families who adopt and children who wait and is a place for the exchange of resources on behalf of dozens of adoption agencies. When an agency is unable to locate a family for a waiting child, the agency uses The Adoption Exchange services to find a family.

Adoption Information

www.adoption.about.com

This website is a great resource of articles and tips for those considering adoption and for those who already have adopted.

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Adoptive Families Magazine

www.adoptivefamilies.com

A publication focusing on adoptive and prospective adoptive families.

Adopt US Kids

www.adoptuskids.org

AdoptUSKids.org is dedicated to finding permanent, loving adoptive families for the thousands of U.S. children who are currently waiting in foster care. This site, launched in 2002, is funded by the U.S. government.

Advocates for Family First

www.advocatesforfamiliesfirst.org/

The mission of Advocates for Families First is to build a unified national movement in support of kinship, foster, and adoptive families who care for children and youth, promote their healing, and help them thrive.

American Academy of Pediatrics: “Helping Foster and Adoptive Families Cope with Trauma”

www.aap.org/en-us/advocacy-and-policy/aap-health-initiatives/healthy-foster-care-america/Pages/Trauma-Guide.aspx

The purpose of this guide is to support adoptive and foster families by strengthening the abilities of pediatricians to identify traumatized children; educate families about toxic stress and the possible biological, behavioral, and social manifestations of early childhood trauma; and empower families to respond to their child’s behavior in a manner that acknowledges past trauma but promotes the learning of new, more adaptive reactions to stress.

Donaldson Adoption Institute

www.adoptioninstitute.org

The Adoption Institute provides adoption information to media, lawmakers, and individuals on topics such as survey data and governmental research data.

Foster Family to Forever Family – by the National Adoption Center

www.adopt.org/assembled/overview_courses.html

Developed by the National Adoption Center, “Foster Family to Forever Family” is the first course in “The Adoption Roadmap” online training series. This course provides an interactive overview of the process of adopting one’s foster child. Relevant for all prospective adoptive parents, adoption professionals and other professionals working with adoptive families and children.

Fostering Connections Resource Center

www.nrcpfc.org/fostering_connections/

An online resource center with information, training, and tools for furthering the implementation of the Fostering Connections law. Specifically, the Resource Center aims to connect each state’s implementers of the law with the latest information and the best experts and advocates working on these issues.

Gift of Adoption Fund

www.giftofadoption.org

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HelpUsAdopt.org

www.helpusadopt.org/

Human Rights Campaign

www.hrc.org/issues/parenting/adoption.asp

Offers adoption resources and advocacy for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender parents. Their “All Children – All Families” initiative educates and engages the LGBT community in foster and adoptive parenting and promotes policies that welcome LGBT prospective parents. State by state listing of adoption laws: www.hrc.org/resources/entry/all-children-all-families-about-the-initiative.

North American Council on Adoptable Children

www.nacac.org

NACAC’s Adoption Subsidy Resource Center provides information on how each state operates their Title IV-E Adoption Assistance program. Adoption assistance information is also available for each province in Canada. For further information, please call (800) 470-6665.

Northwest Adoption Exchange

www.nwae.org

The Northwest Adoption Exchange provides information and referrals on a wide variety of adoption issues. It specializes in the placement of children waiting in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington and facilitates placements for families with home studies from anywhere in the U.S.

The Report on Intercountry Adoption

www.iccadopt.org

The Report on Intercountry Adoptions is an extensive compilation of information regarding international adoption programs and licensed agencies in all 50 states. There are also numerous articles on adoption-related issues. The Report is updated and printed annually.

Show Hope (Shaohannah’s Hope)

www.showhope.org

State Department – International Adoption

<http://www.travel.state.gov/content/adoptionsabroad.en.html>

US. Department of State’s website dedicated to international adoption issues and legislation.

Voice for Adoption

www.voice-for-adoption.org/

Voice for Adoption develops and advocates for improved adoption policies. Recognized as a national leader in special needs adoption, VFA works closely with federal and state legislators, as well as other child welfare organizations, to make a difference in the lives of the 108,000 children in foster care who are waiting to be adopted and the families who adopt children from foster care.

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