



Adoption Center of Illinois at Family Resource Center

Adoption Program Bulletin

"Helping Children through Adoption"

[Register NOW for ACI's Holiday Open House](#)

Sunday, December 9th



This yearly event is a great opportunity for you to mingle with ACI staff, board, volunteers, families, and friends. Warm beverages, a light lunch, and assorted baked holiday goods will be served. We will have crafts and games for children to enjoy and, new this year, a surprise visitor!

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**Congratulations to the families
who adopted through our
Traditional Adoption Placement Program**

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2017 - 2015 Placements

2017

Total TAP + AA 2016 (15)

TAP 14

Agency Assisted 1

African American 27%

Caucasian 27%



Ben and Rich welcome a daughter

**Congratulations to the families
who adopted through our
Domestic Home Study Services Program**



Sally and Dennis welcome a daughter.

They adopted with the support of

[A Bond of Life](#)

Latino	27%
Cauc/African American	6%
Cauc/Asian	6%
Cauc/NativeAmerican	6%

NOTE: For calendar year 2017, 100% of the placements have remained intact; there have been no disruptions or dissolutions of any adoption.

Additional 2017 Stats

- "mom/dad" couples 12
- Same-sex couples 3
- Single parents 0
- Hague Outgoing 0
- Out of State 0

Home Study Services (29)

- Domestic home study 24
- Waiting Child Services 5

International adoptions (39)

- Primary Provider placements 10
- Home Study Placements 29



Algeria 1



Canada(Outgoing)



China 11



Colombia 2



Haiti 1



India 2



Korea 1



Latvia 1



Malaysia 1



Morocco 3



Nigeria 7



Jaclyn and Patrick welcome a daughter.

They adopted with the support of

American Adoptions

**Congratulations to the families
who adopted through our
International Home Study Services Program
& Primary Provider Services Program**



Stephanie and Sam welcome a son.

They adopted from Ukraine with the support of

CCAI Adoption Services



Philippines 1



Sierra Leone 2



Uganda 1



Ukraine 3

2016

Total TAP + AA 2016 (19)

TAP 16

Agency Assisted 3

African American 32%

Caucasian 47%

Cauc/African American 11%

Latino/Caucasian 5%

Latino 5%

NOTE: For calendar year 2016, 100% of the placements have remained intact; there have been no disruptions or dissolutions of any adoption.

Additional 2016 Stats

"mom/dad" couples 16

Same-sex couples 3

Single parents 0

Hague Outgoing 2

Out of State 2

Home Study Services (31)

Waiting Child Services 8

Domestic home study 23

International adoptions (48)

Primary Provider placements 4

Home Study Placements 44



Bulgaria 2



China 13



Colombia 1



DR Congo 1



Julia welcomes a daughter.
She adopted from Haiti with the support of
WACAP



Beti and Aleks welcome a daughter.
They adopted from Macedonia
FRC served as Primary Provider



Margarita and Oscar welcome a daughter.
They adopted from Mexico with the support of
Across the World Adoptions



Ethiopia 1



Ghana 1



Haiti 1



India 1



Jamaica 3



Latvia 3



Lithuania 1



Malaysia 1



Morocco 3



Nigeria 5



Pakistan 1



Philippines 1



Poland 4



Sierra Leone 1



the Gambia 1



Ukraine 3



Valerie and Dave welcome a daughter.
They adopted from India with the support of
Children's Home Society of Minnesota

2018 Placement Activity

Domestic Adoption Placements

January 1 - November 30

	TAP	Agency Asst	Waiting Child Services	Home Study Only
January	4	0	0	1
February	1	0	0	5
March	2	1	0	2
April	1	0	2	1
May	1	0	0	2
June	0	0	0	1
July	1	0	3	1
August	1	0	3	2
September	0	0	0	3
October	0	0	0	4
November	1	0	0	2
TOTAL	12	1	8	24

TAP and Agency Assisted Statistics by Race/Ethnicity

2015
Total TAP + AA 2015 (25)

TAP	23
Agency Assisted	2
African American	40%
Caucasian	36%
Cauc/African American	12%
Latino/Caucasian	4%
Latino	4%

- African American (23%) 3
- Caucasian (23%) 3
- Latino (23%) 3
- Caucasian/African American(15%) 2
- Caucasian/Latino (8%) 1
- Latino/African American (8%) 1

*Traditional Adoption Program (TAP)

**Agency Assisted Adoption - Family locates an Illinois birth mother through their own resources and completes an adoption.

***Home Study Only (HSO) - Our agency completes a domestic homestudy, the family adopts through another source.

Caucasian/Asian 1%

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Additional 2015 Stats

"mom/dad" couples 21

Same-sex couples 1

Single parents 3

Hague Outgoing 0

Out of State 0

Home Study Services 20

International Home Study Placements 26

 China 9

 Ethiopia 2

 Georgia 1

 Guyana 1

 Haiti 1

 India 2

 Korea 1

 Morocco 1

 Nicaragua 1

 Nigeria 1

 Pakistan 2

 Taiwan 1

 Uganda 1

 Ukraine 2

International Adoption Placements - 31

 Bulgaria 1

 Canada(Outgoing) 1

 Colombia 1

 China 6

 Ethiopia 3

 Haiti 1

 India 2

 Jamaica 1

 Macedonia 1

 Mexico 1

 Nigeria 6

 Pakistan 2

 Philippines 2

 South Korea 2

 Ukraine 1

ACI Domestic Program Activity

BIRTH PARENTS

At the present time, ACI is in communication with the following 7 birth parents (race of child is indicated). At times, parents contact our agency to discuss adoption plans for older children or children with special needs who are already in their care. The current month includes children already born and due to be born this month. Future months include women due to deliver at that time.

December

1 special needs adoption in process (Caucasian/Hispanic). Placement pending

Join Our Mailing List

1 woman (Caucasian/African American) who has selected a family
1 woman (African American) who has selected a family
1 woman (Hispanic) who has not selected a family

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January

1 woman (Caucasian/African American) who has selected a family

Pending

ACI has been contacted by 2 new birth parents but we do not yet know if they will become active clients.

WAITING FAMILIES

At present there are 32 active families in a Domestic Adoption Program (TAP + Agency Assisted + Special Needs). Of these, 4 families have been matched with a birth parent.

Waiting Child Services Program Activity

At present there are 11 active families in our Waiting Child Services Programs. Of these, 2 families have been matched with one child each from:

Texas

Colorado

The children range in age from 12-13.

FRC China Program News

GROUP NEWS

(by log-in date)



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1 family

The CCCWA has finished the placement of children for the families whose adoption application documents were registered with their office before **February 7, 2007**.

Adoption Classes

Exciting Training Opportunity!



Empowered to Connect Conference

Two Day Conference: Friday, April 5th from 9:00am-5:00pm and Saturday, April 6th from 9:00am-5:00pm at a Chicago Location (TBD).

Presented by Show Hope* and the [Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development](#)

Simulcast Hosted by Adoption Center of Illinois at Family Resource Center

The Empowered to Connect Conference features two days of practical teaching in a safe and supportive community to equip families, churches, and professionals to better serve children impacted by adoption and foster care. Featuring Trust-Based Relational Intervention® methods, developed by Dr. Karyn Purvis and Dr. David Cross from the Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development at TCU, to help bring attachment and connection in families.

ACI encourages all families touched by adoption as well as prospective adoptive parents to [register here](#) before space fills up! The registration fee is \$30 for ACI Families and \$35 for the general public. Conference workbooks and lunch will be provided. **ACI families please call our office at 773-334-2300 for the promo code.**

*Please note that some of the information included in the conference reflects Show Hope's Christian-based beliefs and does not necessarily represent the views of ACI.

ACI Adoption Classes

To register for classes, [click here!](#)

Please note: If you experience difficulty registering for a class on-line, please call 773.334.2300.

Tuesday, December 11, 6:30pm to 8:30pm

[Attachment and Adoption](#)

Recent research in neuroscience has confirmed what many clinicians have long known: Early relationships between caregivers and infants/young children matter and have lifelong implications for children. In order to help each child reach their potential, supportive and caring relationships are essential. This lecture will address the process of creating lasting attachments with adoptive children, some challenges to the process, and guidance and tips to overcome difficulties. Dr. Laura Brock Frint, clinical psychologist, will address unique attachment issues for adoptive families including families that adopt toddlers and older children with difficult early experiences. Dr. Frint has provided clinical services to children and families since 2007, with a focus on early childhood assessment and treatment for issues such as ADHD, disruptive behavior, child and family trauma, anxiety, and childhood depression. At Erikson's Center for Children and Families, Dr. Frint provides developmental, psycho-educational, and psychological evaluations and counseling services. This lecture is appropriate for prospective adoptive parents and adoptive parents seeking developmental guidance and insight into nurturing positive and growth-promoting relationships with their children.

Thursday, December 13, 6:30pm to 8:30pm

[Understanding Adoption: From Delivery to Possible Placement](#)

The time leading up to the birth of a child and the days following the birth are frequently among the most challenging periods for everyone in the adoption process. Some adoptive parents manage to breeze through this period while others are presented with challenges that rock them to the core. This presentation focuses on the variables that affect the different experiences that people have. This presentation is valuable for anyone hoping to adopt a child domestically, whether or not they are adopting for the first time. We will review the information about what birth parents are being told leading up to the birth of a child and following the child's birth, what birth parents are frequently thinking about and the "do's and don'ts" for adoptive parents. Participants will leave the presentation with increased clarity about their role in the process during this critical time and have a better sense of what is and is not possible. Some topics of discussion will include:

- What happens when it is discovered that a child has been exposed to drugs or alcohol?
- What happens when a birth mother decides to have her child stay in her room after birth?
- What do and don't most hospitals allow?

- What happens between the time when a child is born and the time a birth mother can sign final and irrevocable surrenders for adoption?
- What can adoptive parents do or say to help a situation or hinder it?
- What are the risks to potential adoptive parents of providing temporary care?
- How long after giving birth does it take for a birth mother to sign surrenders?
- What happens if a birth father does not cooperate and seeks to derail an adoption plan?

Wednesday, January 9, 7:00 to 9:00pm

[Communicating with Your Child about Adoption](#)

Kay Holler, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, will explore the stages of a child's development, and what he/she is thinking about in terms of adoption at each stage. She will also discuss how to talk about adoption with your child and the importance of offering emotional support. Kay has been working in the adoption field for 27 years. She worked for a large social service agency from 1990-1997. Since then, she has been providing therapy in a private practice setting for adoptees and their families. Kay is passionate about building connections between family members. She also enjoys leading interactive seminars on the topics of adoption and parenting. Kay is the mother of four grown children; two of her children are internationally adopted.

Sunday, January 13, 2:00 to 4:00pm

[Baby Care 101](#)

Join Becky O'Connell, one of our temporary care providers, and learn the "baby basics". She will discuss "The Big Three" (you'll learn what they are!) and include suggestions and demonstrations to help you understand, enjoy, soothe and stimulate your baby. This class is suitable for waiting families, those with infants under one year, and anyone who needs a refresher course in infant care. Parents are welcome to bring babies (only those younger than three months please).

Sunday, January 27, 1:30pm to 3:30pm

[Adult Adoptee Panel: Adoptees Share Their Experiences](#)

What does adoption look like through the lens of someone who was adopted? How does someone who was adopted suggest talking to children about adoption? This class is conducted with a panel of adults who were

adopted as children. The panelists discuss their lives, the history of their memories about adoption; when they were told, how they were told, and what they thought and felt about being adopted. Usually the panel consists of individuals who were adopted domestically (and from time to time we will have a panelist who was adopted overseas). The moderator will pose specific questions and assist in bringing to the fore salient aspects of the panelist's experience. The panel will also turn to materials written about the adoption experience by "experts" and comment of the validity of those writing from their own perspective and experience. This session is most appropriate for potential adoptive parents and adoptive parents of infants and young children.

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