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## Madison Adoption Associates

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### RESOURCE FAMILIES

*Below please find a list of families willing to be resources to those walking this journey behind them. Please note that names listed were directly taken from Facebook so that families can easily 'find' them. Also, please note, if you choose to contact a family via Facebook PM, you may need to let them know to expect your message, as they may not see it in the normal message feed. Lastly, if you would like to be added, removed, or any information updated on this list, please contact Sarah Hansen at [sarah@madisonadoption.org](mailto:sarah@madisonadoption.org). And thank you to all of you for sharing your knowledge and experiences. It takes a village.*

Allison Simon Anderson

Contact via Facebook PM

Northern CA, older child adoption, disrupting birth order, displacing oldest, aging out child, vascular anomaly

Kelly Beale

Contact via text (913) 522-9262

Missouri, Single Mom, older boy adoption (son adopted at age 8), Cerebral Palsy

Angela Stocker Beckes

Contact via Facebook PM, email: [radmama1@gmail.com](mailto:radmama1@gmail.com), or cell (859) 640-9438

Kristy Buescher

Contact via phone (217) 895-3492 or email: [buescher5@gmail.com](mailto:buescher5@gmail.com)

Central IL, South Korea adoption, China adoption, older child, hosting, adoption from hosting

Lauren Childers

Contact via Facebook PM or email: [lewchilders@gmail.com](mailto:lewchilders@gmail.com)

Georgia, Down syndrome, virtual twinning, Down syndrome awareness via [village21.org](http://village21.org), also affiliated with World Care Exchange (resource for free file reviews, calls with medical professionals, etc) – [care@worldcareexchange.org](mailto:care@worldcareexchange.org)

Francine Rose DeSanctis

Contact MAA to be put in touch

Single Mom, adopted two girls from China and in process for a boy, adoption related PTSD, CHD(VSD), thalassemia

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### Christine R. Erb

Contact via email: [christinee1@verizon.net](mailto:christinee1@verizon.net)

Pennsylvania, Single Mom, infant adoption, older child adoption, three children from China – two daughters (15, 17) from Desheng SWI, Guangxi and Quzhou, Zhejiang, and a son (10), from Zhuhai

### Karen Edgington-Philpott

Contact via Facebook PM or email: [ksue0602@hotmail.com](mailto:ksue0602@hotmail.com)

Experience with China and Colombia adoption, club feet, amniotic banding syndrome, dwarfism, older child adoption, scoliosis, multiple pterygium syndrome

### Terry Ann Fithian

Contact via Facebook PM, text (best) (856) 562-7499, email: [Jonesy4him@comcast.net](mailto:Jonesy4him@comcast.net)

NJ, older child adoption, aging out, Beta thalassemia, sickle cell disease, happy to meet up!

### Jennifer Valiquet Ernest

Contact via email: [jlernest15@gmail.com](mailto:jlernest15@gmail.com)

Toddler adoption, experience working with children with behavioral issues and autism, experience with helping children deal with a sick parent

### Pamela Kellogg Frederick

Contact via Facebook PM or email: [pamelafrederick@gmail.com](mailto:pamelafrederick@gmail.com)

Domestic foster care, semi-open adoption, older child adoption

### Kelli George

Contact via email: [kelliinportland@yahoo.com](mailto:kelliinportland@yahoo.com)

RAD, challenging children, traumatic brain injury, Chinese culture, Chinese cuisine

### Ashley Hendricks

Contact via Facebook PM or text (217) 621-4013

Southern IL near St. Louis, both bilateral unrepaired and unilateral cleft, premature birth, low birth weight, failure to thrive, feeding difficulties, sensory issues, burns

### Brooke Henningfeld

Contact via Facebook PM or email: [el\\_lauren@yahoo.com](mailto:el_lauren@yahoo.com)

Wisconsin, Beta thalassemia major, profound deafness, HIE/Bilateral periventricular leukomalacia, two at once, disrupting birth order, older child adoption, adoption advocacy

### Mia Johnson

Contact via Facebook PM, cell (608) 843-8132, or email: [mialinjohnson@hotmail.com](mailto:mialinjohnson@hotmail.com)

Illinois, Dwarfism, skeletal dysplasia, limb difference, older child adoption

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### Kristin King

Contact via email: [kristin@iamthewaters.com](mailto:kristin@iamthewaters.com)

Developmental delays, Cerebral Palsy

### Barbara Ley

Contact via email: [barbaraley@gmail.com](mailto:barbaraley@gmail.com)

Delaware, Club feet, tethered spinal cord, neurogenic bowel, gross motor disabilities, gender identity issues. Teach yoga and mindfulness for children with special needs, histories of trauma, and adoptive families

### Nancy Meyer

Contact via Facebook PM or email: [nancyvnjourney@hotmail.com](mailto:nancyvnjourney@hotmail.com)

Older child, club foot, RAD, developmental delays, vascular disorders, big families, two at once

### Mary Miotke Mickelson

Contact via Facebook PM

Minnesota, toddler adoption, older child adoption, out of birth order, sacrococcygeal teratomas, Goldenhar syndrome, alpha thalassemia trait, adoption paperwork support

### Lynn Molen

Contact via Facebook PM, email: [jackandlynn@hotmail.com](mailto:jackandlynn@hotmail.com), or phone (469) 855-3392 (Please call first and leave a voicemail)

DFW Texas, cl/cp, severe speech delay, mobility issues/paraplegia/wheelchair use, older child adoption

### Kerry O'Connor

Contact via email: [kobolila@hotmail.com](mailto:kobolila@hotmail.com)

Massachusetts, Shriner's hospital, limb deformity, Adoptive Father perspective

### Tammy Papadopoulos

Contact via cell (312) 833-5406 or email: [tammyclasson@yahoo.com](mailto:tammyclasson@yahoo.com)

Chicago area, Bulgaria adoption, older child adoption, sibling adoption, new parent

### Denise C Prosser

Contact via cell (217) 343-2824 (please identify yourself as an adoptive parent looking for support)

Post-adoption depression, hosting, older child adoption, adoption from hosting, developmental delay

### Catherine Nealon Robbins

Contact via email: [cathnealon@aol.com](mailto:cathnealon@aol.com)

Older parent and adoption, only child, hypotonia, low muscle tone, diagnosed in China as CP but misdiagnosed

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### Tori Saladin Schmidt

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Arkansas, albinism, institutional autism

### Drayer Spurlock

Contact via Facebook PM or email: [drayerbott@hotmail.com](mailto:drayerbott@hotmail.com)  
Kentucky (close to TN), deaf/hard of hearing/cochlear implant issues, unidentified hearing loss, toddler adoption, microtia

### Ronda Williams

Contact via Facebook PM or email: [kevinronda@bellsouth.net](mailto:kevinronda@bellsouth.net)  
Louisiana, 8 adoptions from China, Cerebral Palsy, arthrogryposis, Angelmans Syndrome, Ehlers Danlos, Rheumatic Heart Fever, cognitive impairment, older child adoption, two at once

### Cathy Swenener Worrell

Contact via Facebook PM  
St. Louis, cl/cp, Cerebral Palsy, epilepsy, older child adoption