



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



*Gateways to Information: Protecting Children and Strengthening Families*

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### Searching for Birth Relatives

The following organizations are among many that provide information about searching for birth relatives. If you are aware of any others, please contact the Clearinghouse. Inclusion on this list is for information purposes and does not constitute an endorsement by the Clearinghouse or the Children's Bureau.

#### **Adoptees' Liberty Movement Association (The ALMA Society)**

P.O. Box 85  
Denville, NJ, 07834  
Email: [MAAnderson@almasociety.org](mailto:MAAnderson@almasociety.org)  
URL: <http://www.almasociety.org>

Adoptees' Liberty Movement Association (ALMA), a membership organization, is an adoption reunion registry. ALMA advocates for the right of adopted persons to know the truth of their origin. The ALMA registry has a one-time registration fee of \$50.

#### **American Adoption Congress (AAC)**

P.O. Box 42730  
Washington, DC, 20015  
Phone: (800) 888-7970  
Phone: (202) 483-3399  
Email: [ameradoptioncong@aol.com](mailto:ameradoptioncong@aol.com)  
URL: <http://www.americanadoptioncongress.org>

The American Adoption Congress (AAC) is an international network of individuals and organizations committed to honesty and openness in adoption and to reforms that protect all of those involved from abuse or exploitation. Membership is open to adoptees, birth parents, adoptive parents, professionals, and all others who share a commitment to the AAC's goals.

#### **International Soundex Reunion Registry (ISRR)**

P.O. Box 2312  
Carson City, NV, 89702  
Phone: (775) 882-7755  
URL: <http://www.isrr.net>

International Soundex Reunion Registry (ISRR) is a nonprofit, humanitarian agency which serves and promotes, through the reunion registry, the interests of adults desiring and seeking a reunion with next-of-kin by birth. The Registry serves the needs of birth family members who have been separated by adoption, divorce, foster care, institutional care or abandonment. ISRR is not affiliated with any registry or other organization. ISRR is the largest free search registry in the world. This registry does not perform a search or provide search advice. Voluntary registration by adults desiring contact or reunion with their next of kin by birth is deemed legal consent for contact.

#### **Jewish Children's Adoption Network (JCAN)**

P.O. Box 147016  
Denver, CO, 80214-7016  
Phone: (303) 573-8113  
Email: [jcan@qwest.net](mailto:jcan@qwest.net)  
URL: <http://www.users.qwest.net/~jcan/>

The primary goal of the Jewish Children's Adoption Network is to find Jewish homes for Jewish children. JCAN has worked on more than 1,000 cases and charges no fees for its services, which include helping a birth family parent a child, locating resources for help with personal problems or coping with a child's limitations, helping an adoptive family find resources for adoption or parenting, and helping biological and adoptive triad members in getting a search started.

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The Children's Bureau  
Administration for Children and Families  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services



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

P.O. Box 5585  
El Dorado Hills, CA, 95762  
Phone: (916) 933-1447  
Email: 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**

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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.

**Orphan Train Heritage Society of America, Inc. (OTHSA)**

P. O. Box 322  
Concordia, KS, 66901  
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Email: [othsa@msn.com](mailto:othsa@msn.com)  
URL: <http://www.orphantrainriders.com>

The Orphan Train Heritage Society of America conducts research and compiles materials on the period from 1854 through 1930 during which more than 150,000 orphaned, abandoned, or homeless children were relocated. The purpose of this Web site is to educate the American public about this chapter in American history and to provide resources for further research and information exchange.