

Adoption Search, Contact and Reunion Services

Search Support Groups in the Baltimore Area

There are two long standing search support groups in the Baltimore area that welcome all adult adoptees and birthparents who are: contemplating a search, currently in the search process or who have completed a search and could benefit from participation in a support group where they can share their experiences and/or discuss concerns, issues or feelings related to search, reunion, and aftermath.

C A R E

I. Catholic Charities Adoption Reunion Services Exchange

This group meets once a month on the first Tuesday Of each month (except for July-August) from 7:00 – 9:00 PM at 2601 North Howard Street, Suite 200, Baltimore 21218. There is no fee for the group.

The contact person is Mary Ellen Bean (410) 659-4031 or mbean@catholiccharities-md.org.

Jewish Community Services of Baltimore Search Support Group

This group meets once a month on Monday nights, often (but not always) on the last Monday of the month, from 7:30 – 9:00 PM, at 5750 Park Heights Avenue; Baltimore, MD 21215. There is a fee of \$10 per meeting, however, it can be waived in cases of financial hardship. No one is turned away.

The contact person is: Myra Hettleman, (410) 843-7365 or mhettleman@jcsbaltimore.org.

The Barker Foundation

The **Birth Parent Group** is open to anyone who has placed a child for adoption or is considering making an adoption plan. The group is facilitated by a Barker staff social worker and meets the second Thursday of every month from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. at the Bethesda, MD office at 7979 old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda MD 20814

The **Adopted Persons Group** is open to adoptees 18 years of age and older. The group meets on the third Thursday of every month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Bethesda, MD office.

Parents of Adolescents Group is a discussion group open to parents of adopted adolescents. The group is facilitated by a Barker staff social worker and meets the second Tuesday of every month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Bethesda, MD office.

The contact phone number for the three groups is 1-800-673-8489 and the email address is info@barkerfoundation.org.