

# BERRIEN COUNTY ADOPTION RESOURCE LIST

## Counselors and Support Groups

### **Cindy Bridgman**

Bridges of Courage Counseling, LLC  
1465 Pipestone Road  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
(269) 205-4781

Works on trauma issues, sexual abuse, PTSD, and uses a lot of play therapy with children. *Accepts many insurance plans.*

### **Vonetta Reshan McGinnis**

185 E. Main Street  
Ste 402  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
(269) 628-8703

Adoption, anxiety, depression, trauma ... She received training in Trauma Focus Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. She is a certified Triple P-Positive Parenting Educator. *Several accepted insurance plans.*

### **Yojana Veeramasuneni**

Psychiatric Specialties  
1030 Miners Road  
St. Joseph, MI 49085  
(269) 408-1688

Specializes in adoption, depression, relationship issues, and personality disorders. Average cost per session is \$150-200. *BlueCross/BlueShield is accepted.* Adoption sensitive.

### **Corey Volpi**

Freedom Counseling Center, Inc.  
1901 Niles Avenue  
St. Joseph, MI 49085  
(269) 205-4777

Specializes in adoption, domestic violence, trauma, PTSD, copy skills, anxiety. Mood disorders and dissociative disorders. *Accepts insurance.*

### **Melanie Page-Wood**

Bright Hope Counseling Center  
1101 Broad Street  
St. Joseph, MI 49085  
(269) 487-9484

Works with clients struggling with depression, anxiety, addictions, adjustment issues, codependency, bipolar disorder, anger management and coping skills. Also video game addiction, self-harming, parenting, family conflict and grief. Has worked with children and teens in outpatient and intensive outpatient therapy. *Accepts many insurance plans.*

### **Deborah Ann Webb**

Bright Hope Counseling Center  
1101 Broad Street  
St. Joseph, Michigan 49085  
(269) 489-3219

Works with evidence-based Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy and Solution Focused Brief Therapy for domestic abuse, drug abuse, family conflict, parenting, mood disorders, thinking disorders and is trauma-focused. *Sliding scale basis, and accepts insurances.*

### **Angela Shuey**

Connection Counseling Center, LLC  
5710 St. Joseph Avenue  
Stevensville, MI 49127  
(269)921-6953

Works with Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian groups. Self-harming, sexual abuse, sex therapy, eating disorders, suicidal ideation, grief, narcissistic personality, borderline personality. Trauma and PTSD. Sliding scale. Accepts several insurance plans.

**God's Hands 4 Kids**

Carol Nash Jordan, Founder

A Christian group of dedicated volunteers who are very supportive of adopting families and foster care. Carol is an adoptive mother and grandmother and they also foster children. Find her on Facebook at *Gods Hands 4 Kids* which is a public group for anyone who wants to assist families. [www.godshands4kids.org](http://www.godshands4kids.org). Check the website and Facebook for upcoming trainings and events.

**Bethany Christian Service**

Ashley Takace and Sherri Irwin

Post-Adoption Resource Center-PARC

[www.bethany.org/grandrapids](http://www.bethany.org/grandrapids)

Serves Berrien County - Region 4

Offers support, counseling and training as well as fun events. They are also on Facebook

[www.facebook.com/PARCRegion4](http://www.facebook.com/PARCRegion4)

Ashley Takace - (616)-307-9936

Sherri Irwin - (616) 710-5120

**Adoptive Family Support Network**

Shelley Garcia

Statewide Parent to Parent Program Supervisor

Supporting the lifelong well-being of adoptive families since 1991. Statewide Programming for support offering parent support groups and more.

[www.afsn.org](http://www.afsn.org)

(616) 458-7945 Main phone

**Michigan 2-1-1 (call for help)**

Adoption and Foster/Kinship Care Support

Groups On-line database. Get connected. Get answers.

**Trauma Help and Toxic Stress**

[www.michigan.gov/traumatoxicstress](http://www.michigan.gov/traumatoxicstress)

**Berrien County Adoption webpage**

Cindy Wigent, Adoption Specialist

811 Port Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085

[cwigent@berriencounty.org](mailto:cwigent@berriencounty.org)

(269) 983-7111 Ext. 8454

[www.berriencounty.org](http://www.berriencounty.org) and go to Courts and Law Enforcement, then click on Berrien County Trial Court and find the webpage for Adoption Services.

## **Michigan Support Groups**

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### **A.P.A.R.T. (Adoptees and Parents Alone Rejoicing Together)**

11175 Roberts Road  
Stockbridge, MI 49285  
(517) 851-7129

### **Adoptee, Birthparent, Adoptive Parent Support Groups**

21700 N.W. Highway  
Suite 1490  
Southfield, MI 48075  
(248) 423-2770

### **Adoptee's Search for Knowledge**

P.O. Box 762  
East Lansing, MI 48826-0762  
(517) 321-7291

### **Adoption Connections**

Box 293  
Cloverdale, MI 49035-0293  
(616) 623-8060

### **Adoption Identity Movement**

Southeast Michigan Area  
P.O. Box 812  
Hazel Park, MI 48030  
(248) 548-6291

### **Adoption Identity Movement (AIM) of Grand Rapids**

P.O. Box 9783  
Grand Rapids, MI 49509  
(616) 531-1380

### **Adoption Identity Movement (AIM) of Northern Michigan**

P.O. Box 5414  
Traverse City, MI 49696-5414  
(231) 922-1986

### **Adoption Insight**

P.O., Box 171  
Portage, MI 49081  
(616) 327-1999

### **Adoption Support Group**

2008 Katherine Street  
Port Huron, MI 48060  
(810) 987-9772

### **Alliance for Adoption**

7423 Westbury  
West Bloomfield, MI 48322  
(248) 661-3978

### **Birth Parent, Adoptee and Search Support Groups**

4925 Packard Road  
Ann Arbor, MI 48108  
(734) 971-9781

### **Bonding by Blood, Unlimited**

4710 Cottrell Road  
Vassar, MI 48768  
(517) 823-8248

### **Concerned United Birthparents (CUB)**

524 Westchester Drive  
Saginaw, MI 48603  
(517) 792-5876

### **Family Tree Support Group**

27821 Santa Barbara Drive  
Lathrup Village, MI 48076  
(248) 557-3501

## **MICHIGAN ADOPTION SEARCH AND SUPPORT GROUPS**

*Post Adoption Resource Center*  
1-866-702-0727  
[www.PARCoakland-orchards.org](http://www.PARCoakland-orchards.org)

*Adoption Identity Movement of MI (AIM)*  
PO Box 812  
Hazel Parle MI 48030  
(248) 850-8910  
[www.michigansearching.com](http://www.michigansearching.com)

*Adoption Identity Movement of Grand Rapids (AIM)*  
5767 Leisure S. Dr. SE  
Kentwood, Michigan 49548  
(616) 531-1380

*Kalamazoo Birthparents Support Group*  
*Adoption Insight*  
P.O. Box 2183  
Portage, MI 49081  
(269) 324-9987

*People Impacted by Adoption/  
CSS Birthparent Support Group*  
4925 Packard  
Ann Arbor MI 48108  
(734) 971-9781 ext 322

*Adopted Teen/Parent Support Group*  
*Truth in the Adoption Triad*  
29260 Franklin Rd, Ste 115  
Southfield, MI 48034  
(248) 353-8687

*Michigan Assn. for Openness in Adoption*  
3244 Pembroke Drive  
Traverse City MI 49684  
1-800-452-3678

*Adoptees Search for Knowledge (A.S.K.)*  
P.O. Box 762  
East Lansing, MI 48826-0762  
(517) 321-7291

*Bonding by Blood. Unlimited*  
5845 Waterman Rd.  
Vassar, MI 48768-9790  
(989) 823-4013  
[mfoess@gmail.com](mailto:mfoess@gmail.com)

*Adoption Support Group for Adopted Parents*  
129 E. Third St.  
Flint, MI 48502  
(888) 200-8915

*Peace With the Past*  
Macomb Library  
40900 Romeo Plank Rd  
Clinton Twp., MI 48038  
(586) 855-6650 or (248) 830-6966

*Post Adoption Support Services*  
N. 1194 W. Tie Lake Rd.  
Wetmore, MI 49895

*Truth in the Adoption Triad*  
6634 Gage St.  
Gagetown, MI 48735  
(989) 665-0210

*Adopted Child*  
2979 Oakshire  
Berkley, MI 48072  
(248) 530-1344  
[adoptedchild-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:adoptedchild-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)