

**W**e carried out a study to discover the needs of adoptive families in Monterey, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, and San Mateo Counties. The results showed:

- Help was needed to handle behaviors which surfaced after adoption finalization.
- Prenatal events and life trauma caused many children to require special help in school.
- Parents needed information as to how to access assistance.
- Respite care was hard to find.
- Adoptive families wanted to connect with others who understood their special situation.

**AFTER IS HERE IN RESPONSE.**



## **DEAR ADOPTIVE PARENTS,**

The AFTER Programs provide a range of services for the use of families like yours, beginning when your child is placed and continuing long after the adoption is final.

We welcome all adoptive families, whether your children came through an agency, independently, or from another country.

The AFTER Project is a collaborative effort of Kinship Center, and FAIR (Families Adopting in Response) to provide comprehensive services designed to preserve and enhance your adoptive family's life experience.

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**POST-ADOPTION  
SERVICES**



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## SOCIAL SERVICES

Social Workers and adoptive parents form a team to provide the following services:

- Phone support by adoptive parents
- Referral to clinicians trained in adoption related issues
- Financial resource information
- Wraparound services for eligible children who were placed from Santa Clara County
- An extensive adoption library of books, videos, audio and articles open on a daily basis
- A major support and research website at [www.AfterAdoption.org](http://www.AfterAdoption.org)
- Short-term problem-solving and longer term support
- A local community of families assisting each other throughout the lifelong journey of adoption

## WRAPAROUND SERVICES\*

Families with children who are at risk for placement outside of their home may be eligible for wraparound services designed to help the child stay in their home.

Services are designed to meet the family's individual needs based on an on-going mutual assessment.

Examples of such services can include:

- In-home child supervision
- Parent consultation, and support of other parents
- Therapist trained in adoption issues
- Educational advocacy
- Mentoring
- Tutoring
- Chaperoning
- And many other possible means of assistance, depending on the needs of each child and family

## SUPPORT GROUPS

Support groups for parents of adopted children are lead by other adoptive parents. Discussions center on issues such as:

- Learning Disabilities
- Separation and Loss
- Difficult Behavior
- Peer Difficulties
- Birth Families

Group meetings are available through our area, and support happens all the time in the Message Boards and Chat Rooms of our website.

For information about all  
AFTER Programs call:  
408-554-2550  
or visit us online at:  
[www.AfterAdoption.org](http://www.AfterAdoption.org)

*\*At this time, Wraparound Services are available ONLY for eligible children who were placed for adoption from Monterey and Santa Clara Counties.*