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The adoption is final. Now what?

Tacoma, WA – Individuals who have adopted a child often have many questions. What counseling services are available for my child and family? Where can I find a support group? How can I find a tutor for my child? Where can I find the additional support my family needs?

Children's Home Society of Washington's adoption hotline, 1-888-43-ADOPT, provides helpful answers to these questions when there is still so much to learn.

1-888-43-ADOPT links families to the following:

- Parent education and workshops
- Short-term counseling
- Caring and knowledgeable staff
- Educational lending library

"The hotline is important for individuals who have adopted children, many of whom are parents for the first time. We provide support, give them the tools they need, and most of all, we listen," says Debbie Deline, Family Resource Specialist. 1-888-43-ADOPT is answered Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The hotline is operated by SAFE (Strengthening Adoptive Families Through Education), a program of Children's Home Society of Washington (funded by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services) SAFE is available to families in Pierce, Kitsap, South King and Thurston counties. Call 1-888-43-ADOPT for information and referrals.

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Founded in 1896, Children's Home Society of Washington is the largest statewide children's organization dedicated to providing exceptional and innovative services to children and families. CHSW supports over 40,000 children and families each year through adoption, early learning, foster care, family support, and child and family counseling services as well as advocates for children's rights both statewide and nationally. For more information, visit www.childrenshomesociety.org or call 1-800-456-3339.