

**Support Group Resources** (most of these groups will work with foster care, Safe Families and adoptive families; a small handful will specialize in a specific grouping of families)

**AGENCY WIDE**

- YSB's invite only FaceBook page – for an invite contact Kelley Lumpkin at [KelleyL@ysbiv.org](mailto:KelleyL@ysbiv.org)

**STATEWIDE**

- DCFS Regional Foster Parent Advisory Council meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 7 to 8:30 pm. Contact Donna Gregory via conference call at the toll free number of 515-604-9300 then use code 778-456 (for the council meetings)

**WILL COUNTY**

- Love Moves Us ministries, Will County. Contacts through [jason@lovemoves.us](mailto:jason@lovemoves.us) or [www.lovemoves.us](http://www.lovemoves.us) or PO Box 732, New Lenox IL 60451 or 312-588-6700 (call or text)
- WAFFLE (Will County Area Friends of Fostering Life Experience) Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 6 to 8 pm, SOS Village, Lockport IL. Contact is Donna Gregory at [beegees5@sbcglobal.net](mailto:beegees5@sbcglobal.net)

**NACHUSA AND OTTAWA**

- Lutheran Social Services of IL Foster Parent Group meets 4th Monday of month from 6 to 8 pm in Nachusa IL. Contact is Cathy Heng at 815-284-7796
- Crossbridge Community Church at 4161 Columbus St., Ottawa IL 61350 has a foster parent support group that meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 12:00 pm. They also have child care.

**DEKALB COUNTY**

- DCFS DeKalb Foster Parent Support Group, 815-787-5300
- DeKalb Area Friends of Fostering (DAFF), meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 7 pm. Contact Patty Ihms at 815-751-4061

**KANE AND DUPAGE COUNTIES**

- Homes of Hope, Christ Community Church, St Charles IL, Church phone is 630-485-3300
- DCFS DuPage County Foster Parent Support Group, 630-681-2426
- Replanted started at Church of the Resurrection, Wheaton IL, 630-653-3888 or [www.replantedministry.org](http://www.replantedministry.org). This group has expanded to Aurora, West Chicago, St Charles, Lombard and Downers Grove regions with other churches from a variety of denominations.
- DuPage County Foster Parent Support Group meets 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 3 pm. Meeting site is College Church, Wheaton IL. Contact is Diana Blackburn 630-653-1986 or [dwblackburn@msn.com](mailto:dwblackburn@msn.com)

### **LAKE AND McHENRY COUNTIES**

- Vulnerable Children Ministry at Willowcreek Community Church's Care Center, South Barrington IL at [justiceservices@willowcreek.org](mailto:justiceservices@willowcreek.org)
- Lake County Foster Parent Support Group (LAFS), meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 6:30 to 8 pm in Gurnee IL; some child care available; contact Megan at [LCFPSG@gmail.com](mailto:LCFPSG@gmail.com) or 224-267-5949
- McHenry County Foster Parent Advocacy Group – meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 8 pm at Holy Apostles Church, 5211 Bull Valley Road, McHenry IL 60050
- McHenry YSB homes with their home churches, there are 2 options known:
  - Vulnerable Children's ministry, Christian Fellowship Church, 3419 Walkup Road, Crystal Lake IL, phone 815-459-9473. You can also go to the church's website and sign up for the group by clicking the register bar under the Vulnerable Children ministry section. Contact there is Jared Neiman.
  - Adoption, Foster Care, Safe Family ministry, WCCC-Crystal Lake, 100 S Main Street, Crystal Lake IL at 224-512-1737 or [afs@willowcreek.org](mailto:afs@willowcreek.org)

### **WINNEBAGO AND BOONE COUNTIES**

- Rockford Coalition Support Group Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month at the Y in Rockford. There are morning and early evening sessions with childcare provided by the Y. Agencies involved are Children's Home and Aid, DCFS, LSSI and YSB with the support and encouragement of the Y. YSB homes contact Ann Pastula at [annp@ysbiv.org](mailto:annp@ysbiv.org) for more info
- Lifescape Community Services Inc, 708 Kilburn Ave. Rockford IL 61101, 815-963-1609
- Fosters United Family Support Group, meets 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, 6 to 8 pm, New Life Bible Church, Winnebago IL.
- Children's Home and Aid Specialized Foster Parents Educational/Support Group meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 6 to 8 pm in Rockford IL. Contact Donna Kasper at 815-962-1043, x 2172
- Children's Home and Aid Support Group for Adoption and Guardianship Parents meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm in Rockford IL. Contact Lynda Nguyen 815-962-1043