

Helping Members Build Families Through Adoption Since 1982

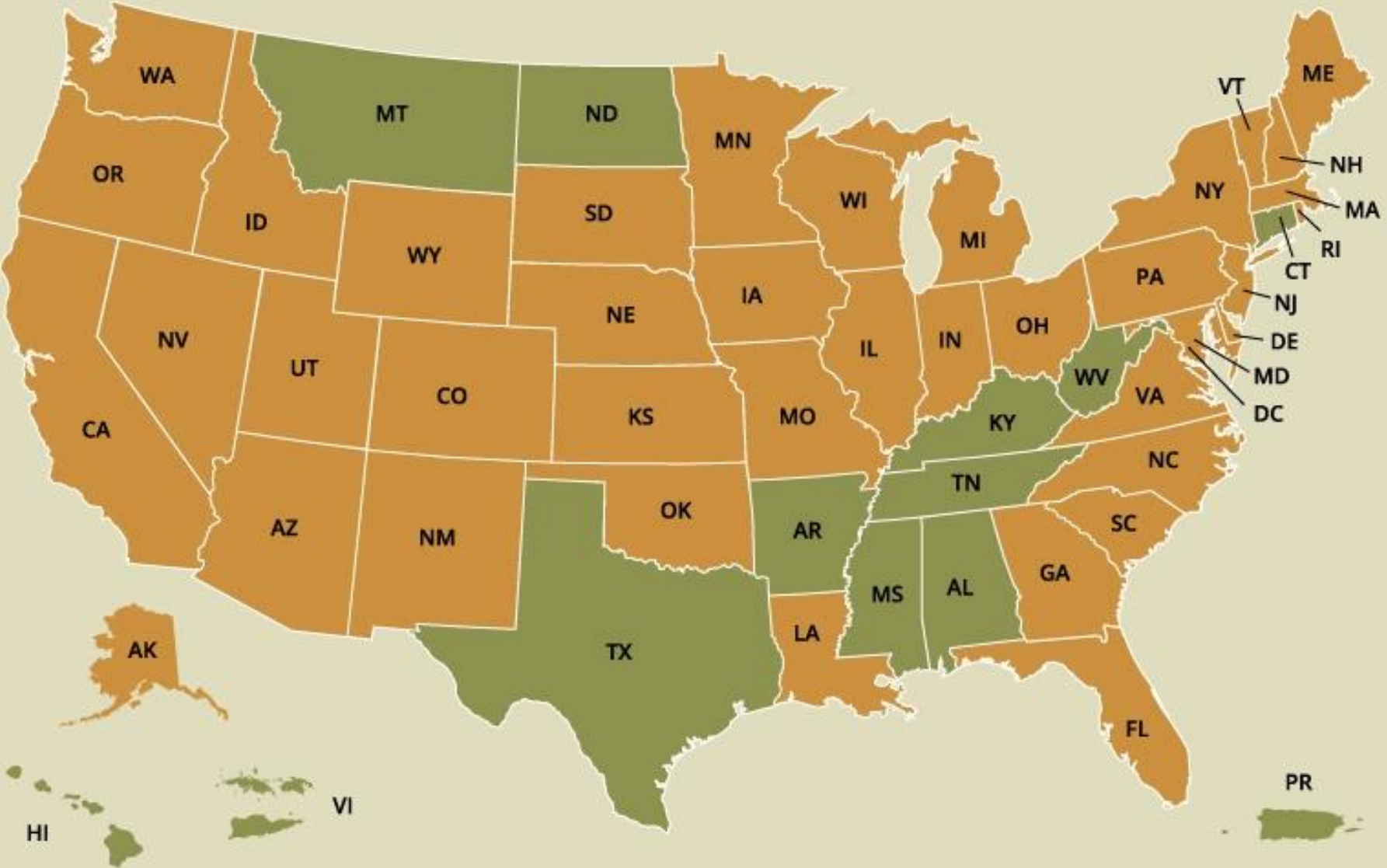


Premier National Network of Adoption Professionals

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Current AEA Members



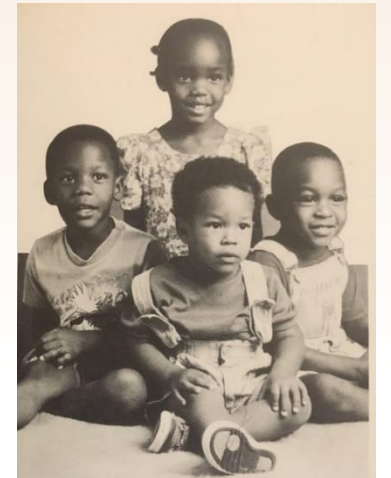
1. Adopt America Network, OH
2. Adoption Advocacy, SC
3. Adoption Rhode Island, RI
4. Adoptions Together, MD
5. Adopt NH. NH
6. Barker Adoption Foundation, MD
7. Children Awaiting Parents, NY
8. Children's Bureau, IN
9. Coalition for Children, Youth & Families, WI
10. DC Child and Family Services, DC
11. DCCCA, KS
12. Family Builders by Adoption, CA
13. Family Design Resources, PA
14. Family Focus Adoption, NY
15. Four Oaks Foster & Adoptive Family Connections, IA
16. Florida's Adoption Information Center, FL
17. Georgia Department of Human Resources, GA
18. Human Rights Campaign - All Children, All Families, DC
19. Adopt Kansas Kids, KS
20. Latino Family Institute, CA
21. LUND Family Center, VT
22. Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services, LA
23. Lutheran Social Services of WI and Upper MI, WI
24. Maryland Department of Human Resources, MD
25. Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange, MA
26. Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, DC
27. Michigan Adoption Resource Exchange, MI
28. NACAC, MN
29. National Adoption Center, PA & DE
30. New Jersey Department of Children and Families, NJ
31. New York Council on Adoptable Children, NY
32. North Carolina DHHS Children's Services, NC
33. Northwest Adoption Exchange, WA, ID, AK, OR
34. Raise a Child, CA
35. Spence-Chapin Services to Families and Children, NY
36. The Adoption Exchange, CO
37. Three Rivers Adoption Council, PA
38. Virginia Department of Social Services, VA
39. Virginia One Church, One Child, VA

About AEA

- Founded in 1982 AEA is the country's premier national network of adoption professionals and organizations.
- AEA is the only national association focused exclusively on supporting public and private adoption professionals at all levels, including frontline workers, agency directors and statewide adoption managers, among others.
- AEA was formed by three social workers who were working in the field during the crack cocaine epidemic. Our three founding mothers began the organization to formally share or “exchange” best practices in adoption recruitment, development and support. Since then, AEA has grown to serve nearly 200 professional members at 39 organizations in 38 states and the District of Columbia. More on our history, can be read [here](#).



Our founder receiving federal award



One of our earliest photolisting

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National Programs

- **ADOPTUSKIDS:** A national federally-funded project that supports child welfare systems and connects children in foster care with families. AEA has operated AdoptUSKids through a cooperative agreement with the Children's Bureau since 2001. More on AdoptUSKids can be found [here](#).



- **MEMBER ASSESSMENT:** A national assessment of member organizations performed by researchers at Maryland's largest historically black college and premier research institution, Morgan State University. AEA launched the study in 2017.



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- **I-CARE:** A national workforce development program to promote careers in adoption and share best practices. AEA launched I-CARE in 2018 with seed funding from the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption. More on I-CARE can be found [here](#).
- **Every Child Education Program:** A national continuing education program supported by the Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation and the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation to provide a robust online learning community. AEA launched the program in 2016.



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Join the Adoption Network



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Member Benefits

National Conference

An intimate gathering providing rare access to others in the adoption recruitment, retention, and support field. Adoption professionals who attend our conference cultivate relationships, and learn new techniques in the field of foster care adoption. AEA also offers a one-day student conference for leaders in adoption to network with future social workers.



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Member Benefits

National CEUs and Webinars

AEA offers continuing education units from the National Association of Social Workers for all of its Learn with AEA webinars. Topics include: ethics, rural recruitment, foster parent retention, and faith-based outreach. More on our education program can be found [here](#).



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Member Benefits

Online Community and Social Link App

AEA uses technology to connect members year-round. We provide 24-7 access to an online community and app that encourages peer-to-peer support by providing a modern solution to exchange best and promising practices between members.



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Member Benefits

Child Welfare Leadership Series

Our Child Welfare leadership Series is held during AEA's national conference and is also formatted as a webinar. The calls and sessions are facilitated by recently retired professionals or those currently in leadership positions.



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Member Benefits

National Adoption Matching and Conference

AEA provides an unparalleled opportunity for members to present their waiting children and an in-person matching event at the National Conference.



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Member Benefits

Peer to Peer Publication

AEA's monthly peer-to-peer publication, "Member of the Month" highlights best practices in recruitment and retention among other topics.



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Learn about AEA members- click [here](#)

Contact our CEO – click [here](#)

We look forward to hearing from you!



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