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## Eau Claire & Northern WI Area

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Here we are – September! Fall often feels like a new start with new teachers to get to know. One part of my role is to reach out to schools to educate them on our program and talk about various issues which might come up for students with a history of trauma, including adoption. If you would like me to reach out to a specific school, don't hesitate to let me know! Or if you are looking for resources to share with your child's teacher this handout might be helpful: [What Teachers Should Know about Adoption – QIC-AG](#). Happy Fall!



Each member of adoptive and foster families is affected by the experiences within the family system. In this training, we will go beyond the experiences of the child who is adopted or in foster care to deepen our understanding of the experiences of adoptive siblings and how each member affects and is affected by the other family members. Through personal stories from an adoptive sibling, clinical experience as a post-adoption therapist, and results from research studies on adoptive siblings, we will learn to see and meet the needs of adoptive siblings. We will also discuss effective communication strategies that can strengthen the

### RECORDED WEBINAR: The Connected Family- Adoption's Impact on the Family

**Date And Time:**  
Pre-recorded

**Location:**  
Online

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whole family connection. This webinar will be available until September 18th.



Join Wisconsin Adoption & Permanency Support Program (WISAPSP) at Wilderness Walk Zoo in Hayward, WI! Come and enjoy the many attractions the zoo offers – wild Northwoods animals, farm animals, animal nursery, western town, gift shops, food, picnic area, playground, and walking trails.

## Wilderness Walk Zoo - Sponsored by Jockey Being Family: Hayward

**Date And Time:**  
Sat, September 4, 2021  
11:00 am

**Location:**  
Wilderness Walk Zoo  
9503 Wisconsin 27  
Hayward, WI 54843

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Connect with other adult adoptees from around Wisconsin. This will be a space for discussing your adoption experiences with others who "get it", as well as for just getting to know one another and talking about life. This group is facilitated by an area adult adoptee.

## VIRTUAL GROUP: Adult Adoptees

**Date And Time:**  
Wed, September 8, 2021  
7:00 pm

**Location:**  
Online

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## VIRTUAL GROUP: Foster Parent Connections

**Date And Time:**  
Thurs, September 9, 2021  
10:00 am

Join other foster parents for a live, video check-in to socially connect and discuss topics related to foster care. This support group will be facilitated by Susan McParker, Adoption & Permanency Support Specialist from our La Crosse office. The group size will be limited, so please pre-register via Eventbrite. This group will happen once a month on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 10 am. Join as often as you would like.

**Location:**  
Online

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Adoptive, Kinship & Guardianship parents and caregivers: Please join us for a trauma-informed virtual support group just for you! This group is especially for caregivers who are:

- Parenting youth with trauma histories
- Parenting youth with emotional or behavioral challenges and/or diagnoses such as RAD, DMDD, & ODD.

The group meets on the 3rd Monday of each month from noon (12:00 pm) - 1:00 pm. There will be monthly focus areas for discussion and/or guest speakers to support ongoing learning, but always with plenty of time for connection and support. Please register early as group size is limited.

## **VIRTUAL GROUP: Trauma Informed Parenting**

**Date And Time:**  
Mon, September 20, 2021  
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

**Location:**  
Online

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## **VIRTUAL GROUP: Birth Parent Support**

**Date And Time:**





Tues, September 21, 2021  
6:30 pm

**Location:**  
Online

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An online support group for birth parents who have placed a child for adoption. This group will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every other month. Join the conversation!



## **Adoptive, Guardianship, and Kinship Family Fun at Ferguson's: Eau Claire**

**Date And Time:**  
Sat, September 25, 2021  
11:00 am

**Location:**  
Fergusons Orchards  
6470 Balsam Road  
Eau Claire, WI 54701

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Join the Wisconsin Adoption & Permanency Support Program (WISAPSP) at Ferguson's Orchard in Eau Claire! Come and enjoy the many attractions the orchard offers – get lost in the corn maze, dig around in the corn pit, or meet the animals at Ferguson's. Admission comes with a season pass so that you can return until Nov. 1st!



## **VIRTUAL GROUP: The Joys and Challenges of Kinship Care**

**Date And Time:**  
Thurs, September 30, 2021  
11:00 am – 12:30 pm

**Location:**  
Online

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Approximately 30-35% of children in foster care are living with extended family, and 1 in every 11 children in the US will spend some time in kinship care. While it shares many issues and joys with traditional

adoption and foster care, kinship care is its own beast, and thus has its own challenges and rewards. This group, which includes a video, discussion, handouts, and a resource guide looks at the unique benefits and challenges of kinship care.

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Join WISAPSP staff for an all-day, in person workshop introducing the principles of TBRI® or Trust-Based Relational Intervention®. TBRI® is an attachment-based, trauma-informed intervention that is designed to meet the complex needs of vulnerable children. While the intervention is based on years of attachment, sensory processing, and neuroscience research, the heartbeat of TBRI® is connection. Learn more about TBRI® [here](#)! This workshop will be facilitated by Justine Cleveland, Licensed Therapist and TBRI® Practitioner.

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## **WISAPSP Workshop- Introduction to TBRI: Abbotsford**

### **Date And Time:**

Fri, October 8, 2021  
9:00 am – 3:30 pm

### **Location:**

Abbotsford Public Library-  
Community Room  
203 North 1st Street  
Abbotsford, WI 54405

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WISAPSP is happy to be back and offering this wonderful, annual in-person conference. This year's conference will be full of opportunities for education, support, and of course, family fun! A Place in My Heart

## **A Place In My Heart Conference-Parenting From Fear to Love: Wisconsin Dells**

### **Date And Time:**

Sat, October 30, 2021  
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

### **Location:**

Wilderness Resort  
511 East Adams Street

Conference 2021-Parenting From Fear to Love. Click the register link for details!

Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

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## COMING UP SOON!



Meet-up with guardianship and adoptive parents for conversation, support, and a cup of coffee. Your coffee order is on us! Anything else you want to purchase will be at your own cost. Please register by December 1st by 4:00 pm as spots are limited. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Coffee Chat - Meet Up for Adoptive and Guardianship Parents: Rice Lake

**Date And Time:**

Thurs, December 2, 2021  
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

**Location:**

Cabin Coffee Company  
2462 South Main Street  
Rice Lake, WI 54868

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This in-person educational supportive event will focus on the topic of sensory issues and feature a short video segment followed by time for discussion and support. Sensory items from the Eau Claire lending library will be available to view and rent, along with an opportunity to review books and DVDs. This support group is designed for adults only.

### Educational Supportive Event - Handling Sensory Issues: Eau Claire

**Date And Time:**

Thurs, December 9, 2021  
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

**Location:**

Catholic Charities  
318 Fulton Street  
Eau Claire, WI 54703

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