

NYS SPANISH LANGUAGE ADOPTION SERVICES

Name Gabina Lopez **Title** Homefinder
Organization Family Support Systems Unlimited, Inc **Cty.** Bronx
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Org Services Will enroll any parent willing to travel to agency in Spanish MAPP class at no charge. Will retain Spanish speaking consultant for homestudy and placement supervision services at no charge if family adopting agency child. For non-agency adoptions, family would need to pay consultant fees. Gabina is contact person for families to call.

Name Nancy Guy **Title** Supv Adoption/Home finding
Organization Broome County Department of Social Services **Cty.** Broome
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Org Services Nancy is also contact person for **BC Focus**, a consortium of county agencies providing foster care and adoption services. 10 week MAPP training held 3 x yearly. Callers invited to monthly information meeting where agency services and process explained and common application distributed. When application received by agency, family invited to next training. Broome DSS will work cooperatively with other counties to facilitate cross county homestudies and placements. Have Spanish speaking staff and will work individually with families to provide full adoption services for Spanish speaking families.

Name Tracy Glover-Cruz **Title** Social Worker
Organization Buffalo Urban League CAMMAP **Cty.** Erie
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State NY **Zip** 14203 **Phone** 716-250-2433 direct or
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Org Services CAMMAP recruits, trains, and certifies parents who are interested in adopting legally free children of all ages and ethnicity, focusing specifically on older children, sibling groups, children with other special needs and African American children. Serves Niagara and Erie Counties. Will work with families to arrange individual. and group orientation and training sessions to fit their schedule. No charge for homestudy services for kids in care. Will arrange purchase of service contacts w/ placing agency for waiting kids. Experienced in inter-jurisdictional placements. Will work w/ interpreter to provide services to Spanish speaking families.

Name Gail Sunshine-May **Title** Exec Director
Organization Adoption STAR, Inc. **Cty.** Erie
Address 47 Plaza Dr **City** Williamsville
State NY **Zip** 14221 **Phone** 716-639-3900
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Org Services Specializes in placement of infants. Applicants within an 80-mile radius of Buffalo & Rochester eligible to register for all placement programs. Provides full range of services for special needs and African American adoptions throughout the state. Fees waived/reduced for children with special needs. Conducts home studies within a reasonable Geo. distance and may accept home studies conducted by other agencies. Homestudy includes educational classes. They presently have a Spanish speaking staff person who works with birth parents; they can provide Spanish language homestudy services.



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Name Sandra Perez **Title** Caseworker
Organization Nassau Co DSS **Cty.** Nassau
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State NY **Zip** 11501 **Phone** 516-227-8268 / 8294
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Org Services 30 hour, 10 week MAPP training held 4X a year. Physical req prior to training. Three personal & employment references and income verification required. Homestudy and paperwork completed during training, Sandra is contact for Spanish speaking families in Nassau County. Sandra is a MAPP trainer and will work with Spanish speaking families. All materials available in Spanish, orientation and training can be done one on one. Spanish speaking families should contact Sandra instead of regular homefinding contact.

Name **Title**
Organization NY Council on Adoptable Children **Cty.** New York
Address 589 Eighth Ave 15th Fl **City** New York
State NY **Zip** **Phone** 212-714-2788
Email brincon@coac.org **Web** <http://www.coac.org>

Org Services COAC provides English and Spanish orientation, training classes and homestudy services for prospective adoptive parents. Families are prepared through the MAPP (Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting) Program. Once a child is identified, COAC staff makes contact with the agency responsible for the child and serves as an advocate for the applicants with the agency. Will provide Spanish language services to Westchester and Long Island counties. Families must travel to New York for training class.

Name Carmen Cosme **Title**
Organization Catholic Guardian Society & Home Bureau **Cty.** New York
Address 1011 First Ave **City** New York
State NY **Zip** 10022 **Phone** 212-371-1000 ext 2128
Email **Web**

Org Services Full service adoption agency providing private domestic home study and post placement Spanish language services in NYC metro area, Long Island, and the Hudson River region. Emphasis on recruiting Hispanic, African American and interracial families. Sliding scale for home study services ranging from \$2,000 to \$10,000 depending on income, assets and liabilities. Families may call number above or send short written family biography and type of child they are interested in adopting to receive agency application packet.

Name **Title** Clerical Staff
Organization Spence-Chapin Svcs to Fams & Ch **Cty.** New York
Address 410 E 92nd St **City** New York
State NY **Zip** 10128-0698 **Phone** 212-360-0300
Email **Web** <http://www.spence-chapin.org/>

Org Services Multi service adoption agency providing homestudies & post placement supervision for private domestic, intl, special needs adoption within 100 miles of NYC metro area. Private African-American / Hispanic Adoption Programs available. Caller will be directed to appropriate program staff. Services include information and service referral, pre and post adoption workshops/events, and parent / child support groups. Free orientation / info meetings for prospective families held in multiple locations. Spanish language services available. See web for specific service contacts and meeting dates.



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Name Annette Boulware **Title** Adoption / Foster Care Intake
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State NY **Zip** 13202 **Phone** 315-435-3827
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Org Services New training course begins every 11 weeks, Tues evening or Wed morning. Some flexibility in scheduling/attendance. Process: Phone screening, application & clearances, invite to training after internal review. Call /See website for orientation & training schedule.. Will refer to and work with other counties /agencies. Fast Track for specific child resource. Requires Lead Testing, 1 yr discharge from bankruptcy, no pit bulls. Co-worker Cathy DeMarzo - same phone #. Spanish speaking staff available to assist with homestudies. No Spanish only training, but will work with families who can provide own translator.

Name Resource & Development Line **Title**
Organization Suffolk Co DSS **Cty.** Suffolk
Address PO Box 18100 **City** Hauppauge
State NY **Zip** 11788-8900 **Phone** 631-853-KIDS
Email **Web** <http://www.co.suffolk.ny.us>

Org Services Ten week MAPP course begins approximately every 6 weeks. Times vary to accommodate individual schedules. Orientation held 3 X a month. Homes needed for teens and children with special needs. All materials available in Spanish. No Spanish only training, but will work with families who can provide translator. Spanish speaking families who call the resource line will be directed to and assigned to Spanish speaking staff. Agency runs own therapeutic foster home program. Agency provides support for independent F/A parent group, F-PAC of Suffolk County.

Name Family Resource Unit **Title** Adoption Manager
Organization Westchester Co DSS **Cty.** Westchester
Address 112 E Post Rd **City** White Plains
State NY **Zip** 10601 **Phone** 800-454-3727
Email **Web** <http://www.westchestergov.com/>

Org Services 30 Hr MAPP class runs year round, information & orientation meetings held monthly. Homes needed for children over 10 and sibling groups with older child. # above is Foster Care Network that screens prospective families and refers to orientation meetings. FCN answering machine has Spanish language option and recruitment materials available in Spanish. Adopt. Sup. Glenda Bryan 914-995-5302 will accept calls. County will assign Spanish speaking staff to family, but family must provide own translator for training class. Class in Spanish possible if enough need demonstrated.

