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Steve Wille is a state licensed and nationally certified counselor who earned his Master's Degree in Counseling from Marquette University. Steve's counseling expertise includes the populations of children, adolescents, and young adults, with specialties in non-traditional families. His treatment interests include establishing comprehensive treatment approaches for parents and children in adoptive families.

Steve prefers a cognitive-behavioral, solution-based therapy method that utilizes an individual's strengths. He believes that there are multiple pathways to mental health that include physical well-being, education and spirituality. Currently an outpatient therapist, he has previously worked as an in-home counselor and a high school teacher. He also spent five years coaching cross country and track and field at the high school and university level. Steve is married and has two young sons. In his spare time, he enjoys film, baseball and running.

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- Counseling Services
- Foster Care Services
- Clergy & Congregational Care

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We are called to act with justice, to love tenderly, to serve one another and to walk humbly in faith.

(adapted from Micah 6:8)

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Adoption Support and Counseling Services



Every child deserves a home and love. Period.”

– Dave Thomas; founder of Wendy's Restaurants/adopted child



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How Adoption Support and Counseling Services can help

Adopted Children

Children in adoptive families have unique developmental needs. In addition to the normal stages of development, adopted children may experience:

- thoughts and feelings about what it is like to be adopted
- issues forming an identity not normally seen in their non-adopted peers
- a sense of loss

Adoptive Parents

Adoptive parents share the concerns of their children and have their own worries. Even before bringing their adoptive child home, parents must navigate a constantly changing and increasingly complicated application process. Adoptive parents must:

- decide what type of relationship they would like to have with their child's birth family
- be ready to answer intimate questions from their child
- often learn to understand and respect a brand new culture

Specialized Services

These unique issues require support from professionals that understand adoption and are sensitive to the needs of all parties in the adoption process across the lifespan. As a Licensed Professional Counselor and an adoptive father, Steve Wille can provide counseling services to help your family work through these stages.

What are the Benefits of Participation?

- Support for adoptive parents before, during and after the adoption process
- Group counseling for adopted teenagers
- Clinical assessment of adopted children
- Support for adoptees across their lifespan
- Adoption-sensitive individual and family counseling



"In all of us there is a hunger, narrow and deep, to know our heritage, to know who we are and where we have come from. Without this enriching knowledge, there is a hollow yearning. No matters what our attainments in life, there is a vacuum, an emptiness and a most disquieting loneliness!"

– Alex Haley, author

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