

Fall 2015 Adoption Education Series



Not only Building Beautiful Families, but Helping Strengthen Them Too!

The adoption journey is lifelong. Regardless of what stage of the adoption process families are in, AFTH's goal is to strengthen families by empowerment through knowledge. The Education Series is designed to offer support through educational opportunities and discussions.

"We went to the class on the Effects of Drugs and Alcohol. With the information we gained, we were able to open our key to situations that we initially didn't think we would accept but after the class we had information to help us make better educated decisions on our profile key. I would highly recommend this class." - Kim

"I had been a part of classes on transracial adoption before and had soaked up as much information as possible however, now that our daughter is in our arms, we ARE a transracial family. It is real and the information I receive in these specially designed classes take on a whole new meaning!" - Kristy and Dave

♥ Lancaster, PA

Legally Enforceable Open Adoption in PA

On October 27, 2010 Governor Ed Rendell signed into law Act 101 of 2010 which went into effect on April 25, 2011. Part of the law provides adoptive and biological parents a way to make legally enforceable agreements about continuing contact after the adoption is finalized. The Central PA office was one of the first agencies to submit an agreement to the Lancaster County Court House in April of 2011. Join us as we hear from birth and adoptive families who have been living their agreements for several years. Bring your questions and concerns about this process.

Tuesday, November 17th from 6:30-8:30 PM

\$10/person or \$15/couple

Call (717) 399-7766 with questions.

♥ Glastonbury, CT

Talking to Children about Adoption

The workshop will explore children's understanding of adoption at different developmental levels and give parents tools to effectively communicate about birth parents, differences in how families are made, sharing information with friends and peers at school, and handling "the hard stuff" when talking about adoption.

DATE TBD

\$10/person or \$15/couple

Call (860) 657-2626 for details.

♥ Cherry Hill, NJ

The Effects of Parental Behavioral Health Disorders in Children

The class will explore the characteristics of behavior health diagnoses in birth parents, including Anxiety, Depression, Schizophrenia and BiPolar disorder. The series will also examine what the current research shows about the possible hereditary and genetic effects on children whose birth parents have a behavioral health disorder. Dr. Julia Weinberg is a Licensed Psychologist who practices in Clinical and Forensic Psychology, and specializes in adoption issues.

Wednesday, October 21st from 6:30-8:30 PM

\$25/person or \$35/couple

Call (856) 665-5655 with questions.

♥ Henrico, VA

Birthparent Panel

Courageous women will share their stories from choosing adoption, selecting a family, their experience in the hospital and in post-delivery. They will also share their experiences with open adoption, how it started and what it looks like today. Come gain invaluable adoption insight from the birth parent perspective which will help better prepare you for creating and maintains your open adoption.

Saturday, October 3rd from 11:00am-1:00pm

\$10/person or \$15/couple

Call (757) 361-0008 with questions.

♥ Wynnewood, PA

Being a Transracial Family in Today's World: From Strangers' Comments to Having Discussions with your Children about Race

Dr. Krista Malott, Ph.D., LPC, Associate Professor of Counselor Education at Villanova University and adoptive mom of two children, will present an interactive workshop addressing topics relevant to those who are a part of or plan to form a family that is transracial through the process of adoption. Topics addressed include ways to respond to common comments from others, increasing skills in broaching topics of race and racism with our children of color, and the exchange of wisdom and resources to promote the healthy development of our families. Meet other families and build relationships of support in an exchange of ideas and reflection.

Saturday, September 12th from 9:00am-Noon

\$10/person or \$15/couple

Call (610) 642-7200 with questions.

♥ Greensburg, PA

Effects of Pre-Natal Drug Exposure

Dr. Scott Curry, Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine at UPMC Presbyterian Division of Infectious Diseases, will speak about the effects of drug and alcohol exposure during pregnancy. Dr. Curry brings many years experience as both a research doctor and clinician. He is also the adoptive father of two children through AFTH. Discussion of short and long-term effects of substance use and abuse. Class will provide families with helpful information in completing their profile key. Dr. Curry welcomes your questions!

DATE TBD

\$25/person or \$35/couple

Call (724) 853-6533 for details.

We have brought back some of our most popular classes this fall. Due to high demand of these topics, the classes fill up very quickly. Pre-registration is required.

For ONLINE Registration:

www.afth.org/community-education/educational-series-seminars/

To Register by Mail - fill out the below form & return with payment to:

Adoptions From The Heart

30-31 Hampstead Circle, Wynnewood, PA 19096

Name(s): _____ Phone: () _____ - _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Number of Attendees: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

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