

Fall Ed Series



AFTH's Fall Ed Series is held on Zoom to welcome families from all over our service area to attend.

Registration Closes 1 Week Before Classes - Classes Fill Up Quickly
Ed Series classes fulfill AFTH's CEU requirements

Adoptive Parent Panel: Long Waiting Families

Join us as we hear from families who were placed with AFTH after 1.5 - 6 years of waiting to be chosen. They will share what they "wish they knew then" and their experiences with waiting, placement, and beyond.

Monday, September 16th | 6:00-7:30 PM

Registration deadline: September 9th, 2024

NAS Babies: What to expect in the hospital and long term

Talk with Adoptive Parents who have had NAS babies in the NICU and how they navigated that time. Adoptive families will share their experiences about the withdrawal process and spending time in a NICU day to day. They will also discuss what to expect when returning home and navigating the long-term experiences with their children.

Thursday, October 3rd | 7:00-8:30 PM

Registration deadline: September 26th, 2024

Navigating Open Adoption Through Pictures, Letters and Visits

This educational seminar will provide information and insight on selecting photographs and an outline for writing the letter for the initial picture and letter updates during the first six months and annually after that. The social work staff, along with input from adoptive parents, will provide guidelines, suggestions, and strategies for in-person visits between birth and adoptive parents, as well as tips and techniques on how to build open adoption relationships.

Thursday, October 10th | 7:00-8:30 PM

Registration deadline: October 3rd, 2024

Q&A with Adoption Therapist Julia Ruggiero

Hear from Adoption Therapist Julia Ruggiero, LCSW about the importance and benefits of adoption-focused therapy, and share a safe space to ask questions about adoption-related challenges.

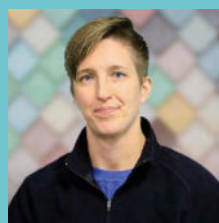
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Registration deadline: October 9th, 2024

Prenatal Drug & Alcohol Exposure

\$50/family

[*Click for a Video Message About the Class*](#)



AFTH wants families to make informed decisions when completing their profile keys. Dr. Erin Meyer is an internal medicine and pediatric hospitalist who works in the neonatal intensive care unit. She is also an adoptive mom and can speak from both professional and personal angles. She will be discussing the effects of drug and alcohol use on the newborn during pregnancy, as well as withdrawal symptoms and short and long-term effects of exposure. Questions are welcomed. While each family needs to decide what is right for them, families often feel more comfortable opening their keys after this class.

Online Webinar Dates:

Link is emailed 1-2 business days after registering

• **Tuesday, October 22nd 2024 | 7 - 8:30 PM**

Registration DEADLINE is Noon the day prior

ON-DEMAND WEBINAR

6 hours on-demand access
\$247/family



In collaboration with AFTH, New Parents Academy created a 6-hour course covering Baby Gear, Newborn Care, Soothing, Newborn Sleep, Bonding, and more. It includes five printable/checklists. Access for two years, so videos can be re-watched at any time.

Access from On-Demand Webinar [HERE](#).

Be Sure To Contact Your Adoption Social Worker with any questions

All Classes are **\$25/family** unless otherwise noted.

Click [HERE](#) to Register