



Adoptions From The Heart®

# SUMMER ED SERIES

**AFTH's Summer 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*

## **Birth Parent Panel**

**\$25/ Family**

Birth parents will talk about the reasons they chose adoption, how they chose their respective adoptive families, their current relationship with their child and adoptive family, and the importance of maintaining an open relationship with their child.

**Thursday, July 18th | 7:00-8:30 PM**

Registration deadline: July 16th

## **Hair and Skin Care for Black Children**

**\$25/ Family**

Proper hair and skin care is very important, especially when understanding layers of transracial adoption. Join AFTH staff in learning initial tips/suggestions for properly caring for black children's hair and skin. Resources will be provided, and things to think about as you are navigating being an adoptive parent.

**Tuesday, July 23rd | 7:00-8:30 PM**

Registration deadline: July 16th

## **Extended Family and Friends: Learn the 411 on Open Adoption**

**\$25/ Family**

Extended family and friends will get the 411 on open adoption. This is a chance to invite your support team to hear from AFTH and answer any questions **they** may have about the adoption journey.

**Thursday, August 8th | 7:00-8:30 PM**

Registration deadline: August 1st

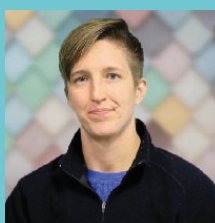
## **Open Adoption Realities: Navigating the Impact on Birth Parents When Agreements Unravel**

**\$25 Family**

We will discuss the complexities of open adoption dynamics and the impact on birth parents when adoptive parents struggle to uphold their agreed-upon terms. Featuring stories from past birth parents and insights from social workers, we will shed light on the emotional, psychological, and practical implications of these challenges. Whether you are an adoptive parent, birth parent, adoption professional, or advocate, we invite you to join the Allentown Office in the delicate journey as we offer an opportunity for reflection, discussion, and a space to gain valuable insights to navigate the challenging realities of this imperative lifelong commitment.

**Monday, August 12th, | 7:00-8:30 PM**

Registration deadline: August 5th



## **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 worked 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/long term effects of exposure. Questions are welcomed. While each family needs to decide what is right for them, after this class, families often feel more comfortable opening their key.

## **Online Webinar Dates:**

Link is emailed 1-2 business days after registering

- **Tuesday, April 16th, 2024 | 7 - 8:30 PM**
- **Saturday, July 27th, 2024 | 10:30 AM - 12 PM**
- **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  
(with Discount Code)**

In collaboration with AFTH, New Parents Academy created a 6-hour course covering Baby Gear, Newborn Care, Soothing, Newborn Sleep, Bonding and more. Includes 5 printable/checklists. Access for 2 years so videos can be re-watched at any time.

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