

Classes Designed for Adoptive Parents



You can participate from your own home!

The Winter Ed Series, will be held on Zoom to allow families from all over our service area to attend.

Registration Close 1 Week Before Classes

classes fill up quickly so we recommend registering at least 2 weeks in advance

Adoption Contact and Openness:

Do's and Don'ts

\$25/Family

Join us to talk about the Do's and Don'ts with openness and contact with birth families in adoption. We will explore contact from the "profile key", through meeting the expectant parent, placement, and after placement contact.

Wednesday, November 1st | 6:00-7:30 PM

Registration deadline: October 25th, 2023

Navigating Open Adoption Relationships with Birth Families - Adoptive Parent Panel

\$25/Family

Several adoptive families join together to talk about their relationships with birth families, how their connections have developed over the years, methods for initiating and maintaining contact, as well as setting healthy boundaries. Questions to panel members are welcome! Join us for an informative evening and earn credit hours towards your annual education requirements!

Wednesday, November 8th | 7:00-8:30 PM

Registration deadline: November 1st, 2023

Control: How To Cope When The Adoption Process Does Not Feel Like It's Working In Your Favor

\$25/Family

Join AFTH and a panel of adoptive families, as they openly share their life experiences regarding emotional changes throughout the adoption journey and tools to help to respond when you feel the process is out of your control.

Tuesday, December 5th | 6:30-8:00 PM

Registration deadline: November 28th, 2023

Adoption Placement Document Review

\$25/Family

Waiting AP's will have the chance to review a checklist of documents needed to be signed at placement, with a detailed explanation of each. That is to ensure waiting AP's feel prepared. A Q&A session will follow the review of documents.

Wednesday, December 13th | 7:00-8:30 PM

Registration deadline: December 6th, 2023

Impact of Adoptive Parents Not Keeping Open Adoption Promises

\$25/Family

What happens when AP's make promises that they choose not to keep? What happens when a birth parent takes a step back from open adoption and then is told years later that "openness would be too hard on the child at this time." Our goal for this event is to share the do's and don'ts of setting future expectations and the consequences for not keeping the door open for open adoption. This is not only for adoptive parents.

Tuesday, January 16th | 6:00-7:30 PM

Registration deadline: January 9th, 2024

Adoptive Parent Panel: Challenging Circumstances

\$25/Family

The panel is for current families struggling with the wait. Join us as we hear AFTH AP's who had difficult waits; from waiting 3+ years, to experiencing disruptions, and everything in between before being placed with their child(ren).

Wednesday, January 31st | 6:00-7:30 PM

Registration deadline: January 24th, 2024



Feel free to contact your social worker with any questions.

AFTH Families Can Receive Required CEU Credits for Attending!

Click [HERE](#) to Register

Conversations With Your Child About Adoption Throughout Different Ages & Stages

\$25/Family

Talking with your child about their adoption story is not always going to be an easy time. From toddler years throughout their teenage years, there are many different routes to take when having these conversations with your child. Join our NY/LV office as we discuss how to communicate with your child throughout different ages and stages of their life about their adoption story.

Monday, February 26th | 7:00-8:30 PM

Registration deadline: February 19th, 2024

Parenting an Adoptee

\$25/Family

What role does the parent play for an Adoptee? What expectations should be set for the AP? What resources should you be seeking to ensure you are providing a well-rounded life for your child? This class will cover ways that AP's can connect with their child, resources to use in explaining the adoption triad to adoptees and some general do's and don'ts of parenting a child who was placed for adoption.

Thursday, February 29th | 6:30-8:00 PM

Registration deadline: February 22nd, 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 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 and long term effects of exposure. There will be a time for questions. Each family has to decide what situations are right for them. Many families came away from this class feeling comfortable opening their key.

Online Webinar Dates:

Link is emailed 1-2 business days after registering

- **Saturday, Jan 27th from 10:30am-noon**
- **Tuesday, April 16th from 7-8:30pm**
- **Saturday, July 27th from 10:30am-noon**
- **Tuesday, Oct 22nd from 7-8:30pm**

Registration DEADLINE is Noon the day prior



ON-DEMAND WEBINAR

**6 hours on-demand access - \$247/family
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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 Section of Client Portal

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