

Fall Educational 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

Talking to Your Child About Their Adoption Story.



Presented by Kelly Raudenbush, Executive Director and Family Therapist from The Sparrow Fund

How do you talk with your child about their adoption story in an age-appropriate and supportive way? Kelly Raudenbush, Executive Director and Family Therapist at The Sparrow Fund, will share practical guidance and helpful language for navigating conversations about adoption. Participants will also have the opportunity to ask questions about parenting an adoptee and supporting their child's understanding of their adoption story.

Tuesday, October 20th | 7:00-8:30 PM

Registration deadline: October 13, 2026

Adoptive Parent Panel

Hear firsthand from adoptive families who have navigated the ups and downs of their adoption journeys. Panelists will share their experiences with challenges such as long waits, disappointments, and disruptions, as well as the moments that ultimately led them to their families. This honest conversation offers an opportunity to learn from the experiences of others, ask questions, and gain insight into the realities of the adoption process.

Thursday, October 22nd | 6:00-7:30 PM

Registration deadline: October 15, 2026

Prenatal Drug & Alcohol Exposure:

\$100/family - [Click for a Video Message About the Class](#)

Dr. Erin Meyer, pediatric hospitalist, NICU provider, and adoptive mom, will discuss prenatal drug and alcohol exposure, including withdrawal symptoms and potential short- and long-term effects on newborns. Families will gain information to help them make informed decisions when completing their profile keys. Questions are welcome.

Upcoming Webinar Dates:

Link is emailed 1-2 business days after registering

- **Thursday, October 19 | 7:00PM - 8:30PM**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

1 week before webinar

Birthparent Panel: Navigating Future Open Adoption Communications

Hear directly from birthparents about their experiences navigating open adoption relationships after placement. Panelists will share their perspectives on communication within the adoption triad, ways to build and maintain healthy relationships, and how to navigate challenges that may arise over time. Participants will gain practical insight into positive communication strategies and ways to prepare for a supportive, respectful, and lasting open adoption relationship.

Thursday, November 5th | 7:00-8:30 PM

Registration deadline: October 29, 2026

6-Hour ON-DEMAND CHILDCARE WEBINAR - \$247/family with AFTH discount

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](#).

All Classes are \$40/family unless otherwise noted. Click [HERE](#) to Register.