

Spring 2015 Adoption Education Series



Adoption is a Unique Journey

AFTH Offers Classes Designed Especially for the Needs of Adoptive Parents

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

"I cannot recommend the Drug and Alcohol Exposure During Pregnancy class enough. We did our preliminary research and still had many questions before filling out our key. It was great to get a chance to hear from a medical professional who could answer our questions and put the situations into real terms. We were able to better define what we were really open too. Who knows, the information may have helped us to open our key in a way which could be the reason we get picked." - John & Elaine

"It was so nice to be able to go to a childcare class with other hopeful parents. Sometimes it is hard to do things to prepare for a baby that may be more comfortable for expecting women such as attending a childcare class or making a baby registry or getting help picking out a carseat. It was nice to be surrounded by others who are in a similar stage that I'm in." - Cameron

PLEASE NOTE:

Since the agency requires prospective adoptive parents without children to take childcare classes prior to entering the profile book, AFTH offices will now be hosting classes in-house to offer families a more comfortable and convenient setting. To see a full list of upcoming childcare classes and to register, visit the online calendar at www.afth.org.

♥ Allentown, PA

Substance Abuse During Pregnancy: Understanding Short & Long Term Effects

Join the Allentown Office in learning about the effects of substance abuse during pregnancy. Time will be spent reviewing the profile key and guest presenter Patricia Bates, RNC, MSN, CNM, NNPbc will be discussing the short term and long term effects on the fetus. This is a great opportunity to educate yourself and spend time with a professional working in the field of maternal health. Light refreshments will be served.

Saturday, May 2nd

11:00am-1:00pm

\$25/person or \$35/couple

Call (610) 432-2384 with questions.

♥ Cherry Hill, NJ

Effects of Drugs and Alcohol Use During Pregnancy

Jacqueline Papa or Southern New Jersey Perinatal will be joining us to talk in depth about the short and long term effects of drug and alcohol use during pregnancy. All prospective adoptive families are encouraged to attend as it will provide a wealth of information useful for when they complete their profile key.

Wednesday, May 6th

6:30-8:00 PM

\$25/person or \$35/family

Call (856) 665-5655 with questions.

CLASS REGISTRATION

Please fill out the form & return with payment to:

Adoptions From The Heart
30-31 Hampstead Circle
Wynnewood, PA 19096

OR REGISTER ONLINE AT
www.afth.org/community/courses.html

Classes also listed on the Online
Calendar of Events at www.afth.org

**Prices Vary for Classes, Prices
Located Under Date & Time of Class**

<small># Attending</small>	<small>Cost</small>	<small>Topic/Location</small>
		<u>Substance Abuse During Pregnancy</u> Allentown, PA
		<u>Substance Abuse During Pregnancy</u> Cherry Hill, NJ
		<u>Birthparent Panel</u> Chesapeake, VA
		<u>Substance Abuse During Pregnancy</u> Glastonbury, CT
		<u>Birthparent Discussion Panel</u> Hockessin, DE

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

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Email: _____

For More Information...
Call 610-642-7200
or contact your local AFTH office

♥ Chesapeake, VA

Birth Parent Panel

A panel of AFTH birthmothers with varying levels of openness will come together to speak about their experiences. They will share how they decided on their child's adoptive families as well as how they manage their future contact relationship. This is a great opportunity for waiting adoptive parents as well as all adoptive parents with open adoptions to gain some insight into navigating their relationship with their own child's birth family.

Saturday, April 18th

11:00am-1:00pm

\$15/person or \$25/couple

Call (757) 361-0008 with questions.

♥ Glastonbury, CT

Effects of Substance Abuse During Pregnancy

It is important for prospective adoptive parents to make educated decisions when selecting options on their profile key. We welcome Sharon Lavigne, MS, a geneticist from UConn Health Center, who will speak about the short and long term effects of drug and alcohol exposure during pregnancy. This class will provide families with helpful information in completing their profile key. We encourage all CT prospective adoptive families to join us. Please come with your questions.

Wednesday, March 18th

7:00-9:00 PM

\$25/person or \$35/family

Call (860) 657-2626 with questions.

♥ Hockessin, DE

A Birthparent Panel Discussion

We encourage all waiting families and families recently placed with young children to join us for a presentation of birthparents sharing their experiences. It will provide incredible insight. Birthparents will be sharing why they chose adoption and how they selected their child's adoptive parents. You will also have the opportunity to hear both positive and negative situations surrounding future contact and how it has impacted these women.

Saturday, April 4th

10:00am-Noon

\$15/person or \$25/couple

Call (302) 658-8883 with questions.