

Spring 2012 Adoption Education Series



Not only Building Beautiful Families, but Helping Strengthen Them Too!

The Education Series is designed to support families with opportunities to learn about adoption related topics. 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.

♥ Cherry Hill, NJ

The Wonder of Infant Development

Learn more about the fascinating and awe-inspiring journey of infant development. Learn about gross motor, fine motor, visual motor and sensory motor development and how you can provide the best possible learning environment for these skill areas. Mary Pat Kochenash, OTR/L, a Pediatric Occupational Therapist, will talk about these important topics and more to help you as you start on this incredible journey.

Saturday, April 21, 2012

10am-11:30am

\$20/person or \$35/couple

Call (856) 665-5655 with questions.

♥ Lancaster, PA

Hair & Skin Care Techniques for Families Adopting Transracially

Time to take the mystery and frustration out of caring for your child's hair. We want to aid parents who have or will adopt transracially in caring for their children's unique hair and skin. A hands-on demonstration will be provided of techniques to use for your children including braiding. Various product, books, and hand-outs will be available. Children are also welcome for a fun evening of learning

Thursday, April 26, 2012

6:30-8:30 PM

\$10/person or \$15/family

Call (717) 399-7766 with questions.

♥ Allentown, PA

Infant Care Class

Learn the basics of infant and child care in a comfortable setting with other adoptive and pre-adoptive parents. The class will include everything you need to know about your newborn from giving a bath to burping and swaddling. Please join us for a morning of fun and learning. A light breakfast will be served.

Saturday, March 24, 2012

10am - Noon

\$20/person or \$35/couple

Call (610) 432-2384 with questions.

♥ Chesapeake, VA

Open Adoption Q&A for Extended Family

Adoption is a lifelong process that affects extended family members. This class will center on ways they can best support the adoptive family unit by learning more about the open adoption process and its benefits. This class is for waiting and already placed adoptive families and their extended family members.

Saturday, March 24, 2012

11am-12:30pm

\$10/person or \$20/couple

Call (757) 361-0008 with questions.

♥ Hockessin, DE

Birthparent Panel

A panel of birthmothers will be present to share and discuss their various experiences with placing their children for adoption. This class is a great opportunity and we encourage all domestic families (waiting and placed) to take part in this unique class. Questions are welcome and encouraged.

Saturday, April 14, 2012

10:30am-12:30pm

\$10/person or \$15/couple

Call (302) 658-8883 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 are \$10/person or \$15/couple

Price is \$20/person and \$35/couple if noted with ♥

# Attending	Cost	Topic/Location
	♥	<u>Newborn & Infant Care Class</u> Allentown, PA
	♥	<u>Wonder of Infant Development</u> Cherry Hill, NJ
		<u>Open Adoption Q&A for Extended Family Members</u> Chesapeake, VA
		<u>Birth Parent Panel</u> Hockessin, DE
		<u>Hair & Skin Care Techniques for Families Adopting Transracially</u> Lancaster, PA

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: () _____-

Email: _____

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

AFTH Support Groups

Support groups will cover a variety of topics designed for waiting families. Visit our events calendar at www.afth.org for upcoming support group details.

CENTRAL PA

Support group meeting for recently placed and waiting families. Topic: "The Hospital Experience and the Rules of Etiquette"

Monday, Feb. 27 from 6:30-8:30pm

Call (717) 399-7766 or email AmandaK@afth.org

VIRGINIA

Adoptive parent support groups bring AFTH waiting families together. Call (757) 361-0008

Cherry Hill, NJ

One-one Support - Social workers available to meet with NJ waiting families to provide support, review profiles and discuss any issues families may have. Must register for time slots between 6:30 and 8:30.

Tuesday, Feb. 21 from 6:30-8:30pm

Call (856) 665-5655 or email MelodyF@afth.org by Feb. 15th to register.

Birthmother support groups help connect women who have or are making an adoption plan for their child. Call 856-665-5655 or Email MelodyF@afth.org

DELAWARE & WYNNEWOOD

Adoptive parent support groups bring AFTH waiting families together. Call the local office for details.

CONNECTICUT

Join us for an informal waiting adoptive parent support group! They are held quarterly and guest speakers include; adult adoptees, adoptive parents and adoption professionals. Pre-registration required.

Wednesday, April 11 from 7-9pm

Call (860) 657-2626 or Email JoyceF@afth.org.

Our birth parent support group is an informal session offering a unique opportunity for birth parents to meet others who have made a loving adoption plan for their child and to provide a place to share feelings and coping strategies post adoption. RSVP Required.

Friday, April 13 from 1-3pm

Call (860) 657-2626 or Email JoyceF@afth.org.

ALLENTOWN

Waiting family support groups are held for adoptive parents to come and connect.

Call (610) 432-2384 for information.