

Open Arms Adoption Network's Workshop Schedule Fall 2017

Offering supportive and enlightening workshops to those who are touched by adoption or considering adoption.

TO REGISTER: Please call or e-mail Michele LeMasney at 609.694.2626 or mlemasney@openarmsadoption.net
You can also register online anytime at www.openarmsadoption.net

Please note that advanced RSVP is required to attend all workshops. Titles beginning with an ** indicate workshops that are required for families working with Open Arms. These workshops (with the exception of the Open Adoption Seminar) will rotate throughout the year in both our Philadelphia and New York City locations for easier accessibility.

Workshops

****THE LANGUAGE OF ADOPTION**

September 11th

(6:30pm – 8:30pm)

825 Third Ave. (Second Floor)
New York, NY

NEWBORN CARE 101

September 12th

(6:30pm – 8:30pm)

The Barbara and Harvey Brodsky
Enrichment Center of JFCS
345 Montgomery Ave.
Bala Cynwyd, PA

****OPEN ADOPTION SEMINAR**

September 24th

(10:00am – 4:30pm)

Huntingdon Valley Library
(Second Floor),
625 Red Lion Road
Huntingdon Valley, PA

****LIVING A TRANSRACIAL ADOPTION**

(Required if you are open/hoping to adopt a baby transracially)

October 18th

(6:30pm – 8:30pm)

2100 Arch St.
Philadelphia, PA

OPIOID EXPOSED INFANTS: WHAT EVERY PARENT SHOULD KNOW

October 20th

(6:30pm – 8:30pm)

825 Third Ave.
(Second Floor)
New York, NY

****THE LANGUAGE OF ADOPTION**

November 1st

(6:30pm – 8:30pm)

2100 Arch St.
Philadelphia, PA

****THE HOSPITAL EXPERIENCE**

November 13th

(6:30pm – 8:30pm)

825 Third Ave.
(Second Floor)
New York, NY

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December 4th

(6:30pm – 8:30pm)

825 Third Ave. (Second Floor)
New York, NY

****THE HOSPITAL EXPERIENCE**

December 7th

(6:30pm – 8:30pm)

The Barbara and Harvey Brodsky
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THE LANGUAGE OF ADOPTION

Learning to speak a new language is a skill that takes time and practice. When forming our family through adoption, the words we use to talk about it matter. Please join us as we explore ways to improve our fluency in speaking about adoption with acquaintances, child care providers, friends, family, and most importantly, with our children. This workshop is designed for families at all stages in their adoption, pre or post placement. Topics covered will include the use of accurate and positive terms, communication with birth families and techniques on how to initiate developmentally appropriate discussions with children.

Facilitator: Stefani Moon, Open Arms

NEWBORN CARE 101

This two-hour class is designed to help build your confidence as a new parent by learning about safe and effective ways to care for, diaper, swaddle, feed, soothe and bathe your baby. We will also discuss newborn appearance and characteristics, choosing a pediatrician, crib and car seat safety. Families will have the opportunity to practice their skills on life-like dolls.

Facilitators: Kate Brown & Michele LeMasney, Open Arms

OPEN ADOPTION SEMINAR

Join us for a full day exploration of open adoption. Topics presented include preparing to adopt, the nuts and bolts of the adoption process, and the benefits of maintaining a life-long healthy open adoption. Interwoven throughout the day, birth and adoptive families will share their open adoption experience.

Facilitators: Open Arms



LIVING A TRANSRACIAL ADOPTION

When we choose to become a transracial family through adoption, we accept the responsibility of opening our hearts and our lives to new ways of being. Join us as we talk about what it means to be a "conspicuous family", how to talk about race and culture with your children, learn ways to incorporate a wide array of multiculturalism into your family and discuss strategies for helping to educate others in your life about what it means to be a transracial family. This workshop is designed for all families who have or are planning to adopt a child of a race or ethnicity other than their own.

Facilitator: Stefani Moon, Open Arms

OPIOID EXPOSED INFANTS: WHAT EVERY PARENT SHOULD KNOW

The number of babies who were exposed to heroin or prescription opioids during pregnancy has reached epidemic levels, but what does this really mean for the child and parents? During this presentation we will discuss how a newborn's opioid withdrawal is assessed and treated. We will also address longer-term developmental and behavioral outcomes that may or may not be associated with opioid exposure during pregnancy.

Facilitator: Dr. Dennis Hand — Dr. Dennis Hand is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology at Thomas Jefferson University. He is also the Associate Director of TJU's Maternal Addiction Treatment, Education, and Research program, which has been developing and providing treatment for substance use disorders to pregnant women in Philadelphia since the 1970s. Dr. Hand received his PhD in 2012, and completed a postdoctoral fellowship from 2012-2015. Dr. Hand has conducted federally-funded research on the assessment of newborn withdrawal and behavioral and pharmacological interventions to improve health among women with substance use disorders.



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THE HOSPITAL EXPERIENCE

It's difficult to imagine what your experience at the hospital will be like before you have even been chosen by a birthparent. Nonetheless, our work shows that there are several hospital scenarios that we often encounter and this workshop will offer some tips/framework to aide you. Join us to discuss and to learn about how Open Arms will support both you and the birthfamily, both in the hospital room and/or NICU. Additionally, participants will hear from an adoptive mother who has three hospital experiences from which to reflect upon.

Facilitators: Stefani Moon & Michele LeMasney, Meredith Rose, Open Arms

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