

Open Arms Adoption Network's Workshop Schedule Winter/Spring 2019

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 registration 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) rotate throughout the year in both our Philadelphia-area and New York City sites.

Workshops

****THE LANGUAGE OF ADOPTION**

January 9th

(6:30pm – 8:30pm)

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

THE "WEIGHT" OF THE WAIT

February 6th

(6:30pm-8:30pm)

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

****THE LANGUAGE OF ADOPTION**

February 21st

(6:30pm – 8:30pm)

1180 6th Ave. (at 46th)
(8th Floor)
New York, NY

****LIVING A TRANSRACIAL ADOPTION**

March 7th

(6:30pm – 8:30pm)

1180 6th Ave. (at 46th)
(8th Floor)
New York, NY

****OPEN ADOPTION SEMINAR**

March 31st

(10:00am – 4:30pm)

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

THE "WEIGHT" OF THE WAIT

April 4th

(6:30pm-8:30pm)

1180 6th Ave. (at 46th)
(8th Floor)
New York, NY

****LIVING A TRANSRACIAL ADOPTION**

April 10th

(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

THE "WEIGHT" OF THE WAIT

The journey of growing one's family through domestic adoption can sometimes be a long process filled with periods of uncertainty and longing. This forum seeks to bring together our "waiting" Open Arms' families, who are all often experiencing similar feelings while they wait to be chosen by a potential birthparent. Participants and staff will discuss and share common emotions often felt by those hoping to become a family through adoption and participants will hopefully emerge with new insight and strength to help them through this challenging time.

Facilitators: Stefani Moon & 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



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