

Monthly Calendar

August 2023 Events and Programs

ADULT ADOPTEEES, BIRTH PARENTS & DNA DISCOVERIES

General Discussion Meetings

Support and discussion groups for adult adoptees, birth parents, siblings, adoptive parents, prospective parents, professionals, and anyone interested in exploring the lifelong journey of adoption. Individuals from any location are encouraged to join. All meeting times are shown in Eastern Time. Meetings are held via Zoom and registration is required to receive the meeting link. For more information on General Discussion Meetings and a list of upcoming special topics, please visit our website.

General Discussion Meeting Dates: Virtual, and listed as Eastern Time (ET)

August 3, Thurs., 7-9 PM led by facilitators JJ & Rosemary

August 6, Sun., 12:30-2 PM led by facilitators Dottie & Estes
Special Event: In-Person | Annual Cookout

August 10, Thurs., 7-9 PM, facilitators Kim & Denice

August 17, Thurs., 7-9 PM, facilitators Dottie & Estes

August 24, Thurs., 8-10 PM, facilitators Barbara & Dan

Annual Adoption Network Cleveland Cookout Sunday, August 6

12:30 - 2:00 PM (Discussion Meeting)

2:00 - 5:00 PM (Cookout)

Horseshoe Lake Park, Shaker Heights

Everyone connected to Adoption Network Cleveland and their families are invited to join us for our Annual Cookout! There will be food, games for the kids, entertainment, community and fun!

We will also be hosting a special, in-person General Discussion Meeting directly before the Cookout. It is an opportunity for individuals in the Cleveland area to come together in person and participate in a meeting. Please note that this meeting is for adults only. Childcare will be provided during the meeting for children ages 2+. Please indicate during registration if you need childcare. Also, please bring a lawn chair which you can use for the meeting. We ask that you register separately for the General Discussion Meeting.

Register at <http://bit.ly/CalendarANC>.

Birth Mother Support Group (Virtual) Wednesday, August 2, 7:00-9:00 PM ET

Our Birth Mother Support Group provides a safe and supportive environment to help with the complexities that are often part of the adoption experience. The meetings are open to birth mothers connected by the lifelong journey of adoption and are an opportunity for birth mothers to encourage one another in their healing process through discussion and interaction. Birth mothers who have experienced closed adoptions or adoptions with varying degrees of openness attend this meeting. We invite you to join this group of women, who are at different places on the same journey, to give and receive understanding and support. The group is facilitated by Lindsey and Nikki.

Register at <http://bit.ly/CalendarANC>.

DNA Discovery Support Group (Virtual) Tuesday, August 1, 8:00-10:00 PM ET

If you have either found family using commercial DNA testing or been found by family who used commercial DNA testing (examples of commercial DNA testing are Ancestry.com, Family Tree DNA, 23&Me, My Heritage, etc.) then this is the group for you. You do not need to have a formal adoption connection to be in this group, but you do need to have a DNA discovery for this group to be relevant to you. Finding family, or being found - whether you are looking or not - is a major life event. It can upend long-held beliefs about ourselves and challenge the very things that make us feel like, well..., ourselves. This group will focus on supporting each other during and after such DNA discoveries. These are not one time events; they are lifelong journeys. This peer support group is not meant to delve into the technical aspects of understanding your DNA results, but rather serve as additional support on your personal journey to integrate your DNA findings into your life. The focus of this group is on the emotional journey, and not the technical aspects of DNA results or the interpretation of results. This group is facilitated by Becky and Oliver.

Register at <http://bit.ly/CalendarANC>.

Family Ties Monthly Gathering & Teen TEA (Special Event: Cookout)

In August, we are excited to join together at the Annual Cookout, so there will be no regularly scheduled Family Ties Monthly Gathering or Teen TEA.

Starting in September, we will be back in our regular meeting spot! Join us September 14th at Adoption Network Cleveland: 12200 Fairhill Road, Floor A3.

Family Social Event | Goodtime III Cruise

Sunday, August 20

3:30 - 5:30 PM

825 E 9th Street

Cleveland, OH 44114

Any list of the top things to do in Cleveland has to include a sightseeing cruise on the Goodtime III!

This narrated cruise along the Cuyahoga River and Lake Erie provides a look at Cleveland's history and provides spectacular views of downtown Cleveland, the Flats, and all of the surrounding areas. Families will enjoy the quickly changing panorama of Cleveland's skyline and listen to the narrator point out many sights and little-known historical facts about this All-American city.

Be sure to have your camera ready for some spectacular photo opportunities!

REGISTRATION: Is limited and closes on Monday, August 14th.

TRANSPORTATION & PARKING: The suggested parking is located at 825 E. 9th St. Pier, behind Science Center. RTA service close to location is available.

COST: Goodtime III tickets are provided to our guests as a courtesy of Adoption Network Cleveland. Individuals are responsible for their transportation and/or parking.

Register at <http://bit.ly/CalendarANC>.

***NEW* Weaving Cultures, Transracial Adoptive Parent Support Group**

Wednesday, August 23, Virtual

7:00-8:00 PM ET

The Weaving Cultures group is open to all parents who have adopted transracially. This facilitated group will provide a safe environment to discuss issues unique to families that are made up of different races and cultures. The group will meet over zoom on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 7-8 PM. Questions? Please contact Janelle by email at Janelle.Poskocil@adoptionnetwork.org.

Register at <http://bit.ly/CalendarANC>.

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Creating Futures: Benefit & Silent Auction

Saturday, September 23

6:00 - 10:00 PM

BAYarts, Bay Village

Enjoy a creole influenced buffet dinner, refreshing libations, live jazz music, and a silent auction.



Support sustains our programs and services aligned with our mission serving the adoption, foster, and kinship community.

Questions? Contact Kelsey.Reilly@adoptionnetwork.org. Information and ticket sales at <https://bit.ly/3PCrcWe>.

A Secret in Plain Sight

Friday, August 4 and Saturday, August 5

Playhouse Square

Attend a compelling solo show written and performed by Kevin Gladish, who made a life-changing discovery about his adoption status and received his original birth certificate. After the 5:30 PM performance on Saturday there will be a talk-back session with Kevin open to all. Friends of Adoption Network Cleveland are welcome to join Kevin and Betsie Norris for an informal hang out after the talkback.

Learn more at <https://bit.ly/GladishANC>.

Annual Adoption Network Cleveland Cookout

Register at <http://bit.ly/CalendarANC>.

For more information about Adoption Network Cleveland and becoming a member, visit our website.

<https://bit.ly/MemberANC>

