

Monthly Calendar

March 2020 Events and Programs

ADULT ADOPTEE AND BIRTHPARENT HUB

General Discussion Meetings

Support and discussion groups for adult adoptees, birthparents, siblings, adoptive parents, prospective parents, professionals and anyone interested in learning about the lifelong journey of adoption.

Columbus • March 10, 7-9 p.m.
Second Tuesday each month
Columbus Metropolitan Library, 5590 Karl Rd.

Rocky River • March 5, 7-9 p.m.
First Thursday each month
West Shore Unitarian Church, 20401 Hilliard Dr.

Heights, March 19, 7-9 p.m.
Third Thursday each month
Church of the Saviour, 2537 Lee Rd.

Special Topic: "Dealing with the Emotional Impact of DNA Testing." Participants will discuss the various ways in which DNA testing has impacted their lives.

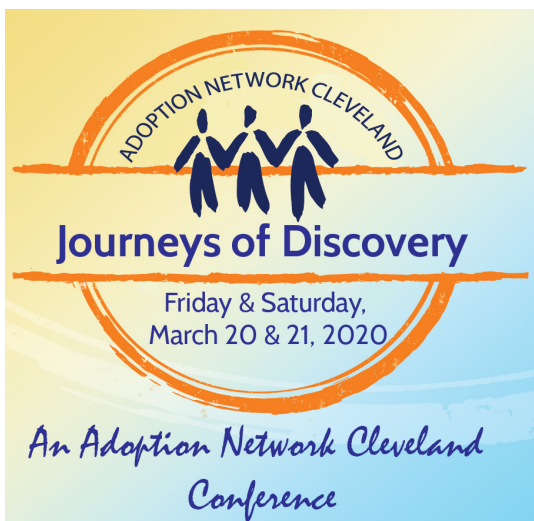
Lake County (Mentor) • March 31, 7-9 p.m.
Last Tuesday each month
Mentor Baptist Church, 7500 Johnnycake Ridge Rd.

Virtual Webcam Meeting • March 26, 8-10 p.m. (EST)
Fourth Thursday each month. Pre-registration required online.

Summit County (Cuy. Falls) • March 11, 7-9 p.m.
Second Wednesday each month
Springside Racquet and Fitness Club, 215 Springside Dr.

Meeting info at bit.ly/generalmtgs.

FOR ALL



Journeys of Discovery

Friday & Saturday, March 20 & 21, All Day
Baldwin Wallace University campus, Strosacker Union Building
125 Tressel Street Berea, Ohio 44017

The conference will deliver TWO full days of educational and supportive content for birthparents, adult adoptees, adoptive and kinship parents, and both mental health and child welfare professionals. Professionals can expect CEUs for social workers and counselors (including ethics) at no additional charge. Certificates of Attendance are also available.

Registration is still available: bit.ly/ANC2020Conference.

Registration includes light breakfast, lunch, two keynotes, 19 workshops to choose from, and a theatrical performance on Friday evening. Members receive a discount, call for code.

All events are located at Adoption Network Cleveland offices at no cost, unless otherwise noted.

FAMILY & YOUTH HUB

Family Ties Parent & Youth Group

Thursday, March 12, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

A monthly group where families meet and share experiences and learn from each other and featured presenters. Parent group, youth group (11-18) and activities for children ages 2-10 run concurrently.

PARENT TOPIC: "Resources for Families," Andrea Ginter from CCDCFS will share information about PASSS (Post Adoption Special Services Subsidy).

YOUTH TOPIC: "But First, Let me Take a Selfie" - Boosting Self-Esteem.

Certificate of attendance available.

More info at bit.ly/FamilyTiesANC

Family Ties Parent Advisory Team

Tuesday, March 3, 6:15-7:15 p.m.

The PAT meets every month to discuss planning for future group meetings, special events and to develop opportunities for growth for families. If you are interested in becoming a member of PAT, contact Donikea Austin at donikea.austin@adoptionnetwork.org.

Let's Skate! Winter Family Gathering

Sunday, March 15, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

All Adoption Network Cleveland Families are invited to a free Winter Family Social Gathering. Come hangout for pizza, snacks, and indoor ice skating. RSVP requested at bit.ly/ANCskate.



JOIN US! Friday, April 17, 2020

CREATING FUTURES

ADOPTION NETWORK
CLEVELAND'S ANNUAL
BENEFIT & SILENT AUCTION

CLEVELAND METROPARKS ZOO
STILLWATER PLACE
6-10 p.m.

bit.ly/CreatingFutures2020

Adoption 201: Adopting Infants Domestically

Thursday, March 26, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Expanding on Adoption 101: Where do I begin?, this two-hour workshop gives prospective adoptive parents more details to consider when planning a domestic infant adoption. Members: \$15 per person/\$25 per couple. Nonmembers: \$20 per person/\$35 per couple.

More info at bit.ly/ANC201

Transracial Adoptive Family Group

Sunday, March 8, Time and Location TBD

Weaving Cultures, a group for families formed through transracial adoption, offers a setting where children and adults can form relationships and spend time with others who share similar experiences. Held in a private home.

More info at bit.ly/WeavingCulturesANC

Foster, Adoptive and Kinship Parent Trainings

Ohio Child Welfare Training Program

Wednesday, March 4, 6:00-9:00 p.m. "Dangerous Games Kids Play," Trainer: Anthony President

Saturday, March 7, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

"Understanding and Building Attachment," (9 a.m.-12 p.m.) and "Effects of Fostering," (1:00-4:00 p.m.), Trainer: Kathy Lowery

Tuesday, March 24, 6:00-9:00 p.m. "Creating a Culturally Sensitive Environment," Trainer: Janice Felton-Williams

Parent training certificates available.

More info at bit.ly/ANCparenttraining

Raffle Tickets for Sale!

\$50 each - Only 400 tickets will be sold!

Would you love to win a trip to sun-splashed Spain OR Tuscany, Italy? The Winner will have:

- Three years from the date of the drawing to use the trip with no blackout dates.
- Round-trip airfare.
- Deluxe accommodations and personalized experiences.

The winner will be chosen on Friday, April 17. Need not be present to win. For more info, trip details and to purchase tickets: www.adoptionnetwork.org/2020-creating-futures-raffle/