

Summer 2021

Events and Programs for Families

Family Ties Program

This program includes a monthly group where adoptive, kinship, and foster families meet, share experiences, and learn from each other and featured presenters. To find out more: <http://bit.ly/FamilyTiesatANC>.

Social Activities for Families (In-Person)

Thursday, June 10, 6:30-8:00 pm ET
Scavenger Hunt and Kites at Canalway
Meet outside the Center: 4524 E 49th St, Cleveland

It's time for an outdoor adventure for the whole family! Join us for a Scavenger Hunt and Kites at Canalway Center. We will catch up, make new friends, and have some fun! Rain date: June 17

Thursday, July 8, 6:30-8:00 pm ET
DIY Ice Cream and Beach Day at Edgewater
Meet behind Edgewater Nature Shop

Meet up with other families for ice cream and sand castles as we explore the beach! Bring chairs, water, and don't forget the sand toys! Rain date: July 15

Thursday, August 12, 6:30-8:00 pm ET
Camp ANC at Lakewood Park
Meet at Park: 14532 Lake Ave, Lakewood

Join us for smores, tie-dye and games for the whole family! Rain date: August 19

Thursday, September 9, 6:30-8:00 pm ET
Yoga with Danielle

Meet at Watershed Stewardship Center 2277 West Ridgewood Drive, Parma in West Creek Reservation

A family that plays together grows together! Join Danielle for a family yoga session (all activity levels welcome) Yummy trail mix snack will be provided. Bring yoga mats or towels and water. Rain date: September 16

Family Park Pals (In-Person)

Join us as we check-out the sites, nature centers, trails and wildlife in our beautiful metropark system!

Saturday, July 24, 11:00 am-12:00 pm ET
West Creek Reservation

Meet at Watershed Stewardship Center
2277 West Ridgewood Drive, Parma

Saturday, August 21, 11:00 am-12:00 pm ET
Euclid Creek Reservation

Meet at main entrance off of Euclid Creek Parkway and follow the signs. 1198 Highland Road, Euclid

Saturday, September 25, 11:00 am-12:00 pm ET
Horseshoe Lake Park

Meet at Park 2701 Park Dr, Shaker Heights

Discussions (Virtual)

Parents and caregivers of adoptive, kinship, and foster families with children are invited to join us for virtual discussions on parenting and family life. Registration is required to receive the link to join. <https://bit.ly/CalendarANC>.

Tuesday, June 22, 6:30-8:00 pm ET
Are Your Kids One of the Big Three?

Join us for a discussion on parenting using NBC's hit show "This is Us" as a starting point for our conversation. Over the last several years, the show has highlighted issues of family separation, adoptive and foster families, race, birth parents, closed versus open adoption, and differences in parenting. In this session, we will discuss strategies to modify your parenting style to meet the needs of your individual children. We will also talk about how the parent-child relationship changes over time.

Tuesday, July 27, 6:30-8:00 pm ET
Yes Day!

What would happen to your family dynamic if for just one day, you said, "Yes!" to everything your kids wanted to do? We will use the book and Jennifer Garner movie, *Yes Day* to have discussion on rules and boundaries, plus giving kids control where it makes sense. Parents are not required to watch the movie or read the book to participate.

Tuesday, August 24, 6:30-8:00 pm ET
Back to Basics: Managing the return to school and balancing family fun time

As a parent, how do you balance the needs of school and work while still incorporating family fun time, self-care, and opportunities to strengthen your bonds? We will discuss truths, strategies, and share successes.

Tuesday, September 28, 6:30-8:00 pm ET
Topic TBD

Save the date

Girl Code and Guy Code (Virtual)

Virtual opportunities for youth ages 13-18 to meet online with peers in a facilitated conversation will be provided for boys (Guy Code) and girls (Girl Code) separately. The groups provide an opportunity for youth to engage in age-appropriate discussions and activities with peers to explore self and group topics in terms of adoption and foster care, as well as youth development. For more information and the link to access the meetings, contact Danielle Gibson at danielle.gibson@adoptionnetwork.org.

Girl Code

Tuesday, June 8, 6:00 pm ET
Tuesday, July 13, 6:00 pm ET
Tuesday, August 10, 6:00 pm ET
Tuesday, September 14, 6:00 pm ET

Guy Code

Wednesday, June 23, 6:00 pm ET
Wednesday, July 22, 6:00 pm ET
Wednesday, August 27, 6:00 pm ET
Wednesday, September 25, 6:00 pm ET

Girl Code and Guy Code Get-Together (in-person)

Join Danielle for in-person outings where teens can get to know each other and have some fun! Teens will collaborate with Danielle during their virtual meetings to plan their outings. For more information and to register contact Danielle Gibson directly at danielle.gibson@adoptionnetwork.org.

To register for programs, please visit our program calendar at: <https://bit.ly/CalendarANC>. All in-person programs will continue to be conducted using recommended health safety precautions.



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Discussions on Race & Family (Virtual)

Adoption Network Cleveland is pleased to offer a series of facilitated virtual discussions on Race and Family this summer, co-hosted by The Weaving Cultures Transracial Family Group and the Family Ties program. Parents, guardians, and other family caregivers of adoptive, kinship, and foster families are invited to join in the discussion. **You do not need to be part of a transracial family to attend!** Together, we will explore different aspects of race and family, and how we as parents and caregivers of children can talk with them honestly about issues of race. Discussions will also include how issues of race intersect with adoption, kinship care, and foster care. Expect discussions to include interactive breakouts. Registration is required through our calendar: <https://bit.ly/CalendarANC>.

Tuesday, June 15, 6:30-8:00 pm ET

Talking to White Kids About Race

Tuesday, July 20, 6:30-8:00 pm ET

Diversifying Your Circle

Tuesday, August 17, 6:30-8:00 pm ET

Allyship

Join Adoption Network Cleveland in August for our organization-wide **Family Fun Day!** Details coming soon.

