

Monthly Calendar

February 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 • February 11, 7-9 p.m.

Second Tuesday each month

Columbus Metropolitan Library, 5590 Karl Rd.

Rocky River • February 6, 7-9 p.m.

First Thursday each month

West Shore Unitarian Church, 20401 Hilliard Dr.

Heights, February 20, 7-9 p.m.

Third Thursday each month

Church of the Saviour, 2537 Lee Rd.

Summit County (Cuy. Falls) • February 12, 7-9 p.m.

Second Wednesday each month

MedPoint Medical Center, 650 Graham Rd.

Special Topic: "Discussing Adoption with Children."

Attendees will discuss how and when to tell children about adoption and how to keep the conversation active and honest throughout their lives.

Virtual Webcam Meeting • February 27, 8-10 p.m. (EST)

Fourth Thursday each month. Pre-registration required online.

Lake County (Mentor) • February 25, 7-9 p.m.

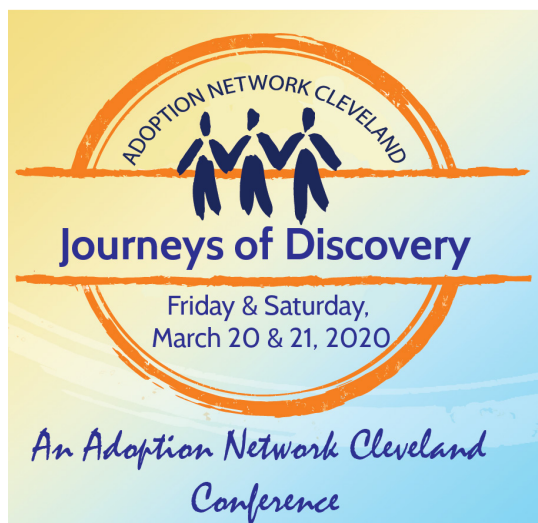
Last Tuesday each month

Mentor Baptist Church, 7500 Johnnycake Ridge Rd.

Special Topic: "A Birthmother's Perspective: A conversation with birthmothers." Birthmothers will share their stories, experiences and their perspectives about adoption.

Meeting info at bit.ly/generalmtgs.

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Journeys of Discovery will be a time to share, learn and grow together. Join us to explore the lifelong journey of adoption and its many facets along the way.

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) and ample networking opportunities. CEUs will be provided free of charge through a grant from the Woodruff Foundation. Parent certificates of attendance will also be available.

Registration is OPEN! For more information on location, workshops, accommodations, and to register, please visit bit.ly/ANC2020Conference.

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

FAMILY & YOUTH HUB

Family Ties Parent & Youth Group

Thursday, February 13, 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 - All about PASSS (Post Adoption Special Services Subsidy)

YOUTH TOPIC: Let's Get Real - Problem Solving and Communication

Certificate of attendance available.

More info at bit.ly/FamilyTiesANC

Family Ties Parent Advisory Team

Tuesday, February 4, 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.

Adoption 101: Where Do I Begin?

Saturday, February 8, 9:00 a.m-1:00 p.m.

This workshop gives prospective adoptive parents a realistic overview of the adoption options and process, and helps them make the best decision for themselves and their families.

More info at bit.ly/ANC101

Transracial Adoptive Family Group

Sunday, February 9, 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 other families 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, February 12, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

"Problem-Solving as Effective Discipline," Trainer: Kim Langley

Wednesday, February 26, 6:00-9:00 p.m. "Do You Feel Me? Talking, Listening and Problem-solving with Your Foster Child," Trainer: Brian Lowery

Saturday, February 29, 9:00 a.m-4:00 p.m. "Conflict Resolution Skills for Families," Trainer: Kim Langley

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. You do not need to be present to win. For more information, trip details and to purchase tickets: www.adoptionnetwork.org/2020-creating-futures-raffle/



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