

Monthly Calendar

October 2019 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.

Cincinnati • Dates for this location have been discontinued. Individuals are invited to join our virtual meeting on October 24. Pre-registration is required.

Columbus • October 8, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Second Tuesday each month
Columbus Metropolitan Library, 5590 Karl Rd.

Greater Miami Valley (Dayton)
Dates for 2019 are currently TBD. Contact Deb Wentz at (216) 482-2327 for updated information. Please try our the Virtual Webcam Meeting!

Heights, October 17, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Third Thursday each month
Church of the Saviour, 2537 Lee Rd.
Special discussion topic: "Vulnerability as a Strength in Adoption."

Lake County (Mentor) • October 29, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Last Tuesday each month
Mentor Baptist Church, 7500 Johnnycake Ridge Rd.

Rocky River • October 3, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
First Thursday each month
West Shore Unitarian Church, 20401 Hilliard Dr.

Summit Cnty (Cuy. Falls) • Oct. 9, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Second Wednesday each month
MedPoint Medical Center, 650 Graham Rd.

Virtual Webcam Meeting • Oct 24, 8-10 p.m. (EST)
Fourth Thursday each month. Pre-registration required online.

Meeting info at bit.ly/generalmtgs

The Baby Thief: The Influence of a Criminal on American Adoption

CWRU-Siegal Life-long Learning

Wednesday, October 16, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Author Barbara Raymond and Executive Director Betsie Norris present a discussion on the impact of Georgia Tann on adoption in America. Adoption Network members are able to attend for free. Contact Rachel Murar at Rachel.Murar@adoptionnetwork.org or (216) 482-2309.

More info at: bit.ly/BabyThief19

FOSTER YOUTH AND ALUMNI HUB

Get Real

Thursday, October 3 (Girls) and Tuesday, October 8 (Boys), 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Location: 5225 Library Ln., Maple Heights

An educational and supportive group for youth in permanent custody (ages 14-18) that provides a safe place to share experiences and explore feelings about foster care and adoption. By worker or foster parent referral.

TOPIC: Who Are You? - Self Awareness
Transportation is available with RSVP.
More info and referral at bit.ly/GetRealANC

Cooking with Cuyahoga's Kids

Saturday, October 26, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Location: Dave's - Midtown, 1929 E. 61st Street

A life skills building event open to adopted, kinship and foster youth, ages 14+. Teens will learn cooking, budgeting and nutrition skills through an interactive workshop in a working commercial kitchen!

To refer your teen, contact Donikea Austin at Donikea.Austin@adoptionnetwork.org or (216) 482-2334.

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

FAMILY HUB

Family Ties Parent & Youth Group

Thursday, October 10, 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 and activities for children ages 2 through 10 run concurrently.

PARENT TOPIC: What's Your Personality and Parenting Style? Join us for a discussion about personality and parenting and how we can use the Color Code personality assessment to explore this idea.

YOUTH TOPIC: Who Are You? - Self Awareness
Youth will explore their own emotions, thoughts and values and how they influence behavior.

Certificate of attendance available.

More info at bit.ly/FamilyTiesANC

Family Octoberfest

Sunday, October 27, 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Join with other families for this fun-filled afternoon of scavenger hunts, crafts, storytelling and hiking. Burgers, brats and hot dogs will be provided. Bring a side dish to share. North Chagrin Reservation.

More info at: bit.ly/Octfest2019

EMBRACE Mentor Support Group

Tuesday, October 29, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

All current EMBRACE mentors are invited to attend for support and guidance on maintaining a rich, positive mentoring relationship with their mentee. Contact Robert "Gib" Gibbons to RSVP or for more information. Robert.Gibbons@adoptionnetwork.org or (216) 482-2332.

Transracial Adoptive Family Group

Sunday, October 13, 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. Westside location, private home.

More info at bit.ly/WeavingCulturesANC

Foster, Adoptive and Kinship Parent Trainings

Ohio Child Welfare Training Program

Thursday, October 3, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

"Impacting Visitation for Success," Trainer: Anthony President

Saturday, October 12, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. "Maximizing Honesty and Honest Behaviors in Foster Children," Trainer: Kathy Lowery

Wednesday, October 23, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

"Substance Abuse, Chemical Dependency and Kids," Trainer: Brian Lowery

Parent training certificates available.

More info at bit.ly/ANCparenttraining

Next Month: Parent Group Leader Training

Friday & Saturday, Nov. 8 & 9, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Training for adoptive, foster and kinship parents who are group leaders or who are interested in establishing a parent group. The training will include both group leadership and parenting skills training. Lunch and snacks provided both days. Space is limited, RSVP required.

For more info or to RSVP contact: Jennifer.ZiskVitron@adoptionnetwork.org or (216) 482-2320.

PROFESSIONAL HUB

Making Sense Out of Sensory Processing Disorders

Adoption Awareness Coalition Learning Community
Friday, October 25, 8:45 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Participants at this workshop for professionals and foster or adoptive parents will learn about sensory processing disorders and how these behaviors manifest in youth who have experienced trauma. The afternoon facilitated panel of professionals will provide information about interventions and disciplines available to help them succeed.

More info and registration at: bit.ly/AACFall2019

Certificates of Participation are available for Foster and Adoptive Parents.

Location: Southpointe Hospital, Building B, 20000 Harvard Rd., Warrensville Heights

FREE registration for the first 10 Adoption Awareness Coalition member agency staff and families affiliated with each member agency.

FREE Social Work and Counselor CEU's for Adoption Awareness Coalition member agency staff.

Workshop Fee for Non-Members: \$45

CEU Fee for Non-Members: \$10