

Monthly Calendar

July 2021 Events and Programs

ADULT ADOPTEE, BIRTHPARENT & 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. July meetings will be virtual. Individuals from any location are encouraged to join. All meeting times are shown in Eastern Time. Preregistration is required. Visit our website calendar and click on the date of your choice to register at <http://bit.ly/CalendarANC>.

For more information on General Discussion Meetings and a list of upcoming special topics, please visit our website at <http://bit.ly/GDMatANC>.

Virtual General Discussion Meeting Dates

July 1, 7-9 pm ET led by facilitators Linda & Elaine

July 6, 8-10 pm ET **DNA Discovery Support Group** led by facilitators Becky & Oliver

July 13 7-8:30 pm ET led by facilitators Marni & Mindy

July 14, 7-9 pm ET led by facilitators Kim & Denice

July 15, 7-9 pm ET led by facilitators Dottie & Estes,
Special Topic: Shame and Its Power to Enslave Us

July 22, 8-10 pm ET led by facilitators Barbara & Dan

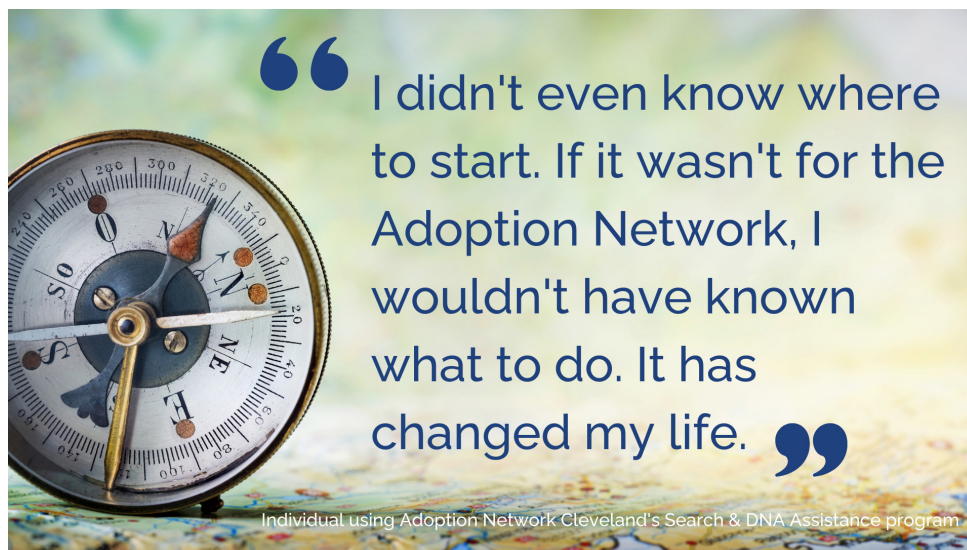
Birth Mother Support Group (Virtual) Wednesday, July 7, 7:00-9:00 pm ET

Our Birth Mother Support Group is facilitated by Lindsey and Nikki and 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.

We invite birth mothers to join this group of women, who are at different places on the same journey, to give and receive understanding and support. Register at <http://bit.ly/CalendarANC>.

DNA Discovery Support Group (Virtual) Tuesday, July 6, 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 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. Register at <http://bit.ly/CalendarANC>.



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, 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

Parent 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, 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. <https://bit.ly/CalendarANC>.

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, July 13, 6:00 pm ET

Guy Code: Wednesday, July 22, 6:00 pm ET

Girl Code and Guy Code

Ice Cream at Mitchell's (In-Person)

Saturday, July 17, 1:00 pm

Join Danielle for Ice Cream at Mitchell's! An opportunity for teens to get to know each other and have some fun! For more information and to register contact Danielle Gibson directly at danielle.gibson@adoptionnetwork.org.

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

Diversifying Your Circle

and coming up in August...

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

Allyship

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

Save the Date!

