

Summer 2022

Events and Programs for Families



Family Ties Gatherings

Our monthly group is starting back after a two year hiatus! We are excited to have families back in person on a regular basis. The monthly Family Ties Gathering will be held on the fourth Friday of each month, starting at 6 pm and going until 7:30 pm. Bring the kiddos, partners, and meet other families like your own! We will share a potluck meal together, information, activities, fun, and community.

We encourage folks to bring a dish to share, but it is not required. Adoption Network Cleveland will provide a program or activity, organization and community updates, as well as resources from our partners. Let us know you are coming by registering: <https://bit.ly/CalendarANC>.

Summer Dates for the Family Ties Gathering, held on the fourth Friday in person from 6:00-7:30 pm:

- Friday, June 24, 2022
- Friday, July 22, 2022
- Friday, August 26, 2022

Spotlight Series (Virtual)

During our Spotlight Series, we will be using art and entertainment mediums to frame discussions on adoption, foster care, parenting, and life. If you enjoy being part of a book club, then you'll love this! This series is structured just as a book club, but to include books, film, TV series, podcasts, social media platforms, musical artists, theatre, etc. Discussion are meant to be family conversations, and youth 11+ are invited to participate. Register: <https://bit.ly/CalendarANC>.

Summer Dates for the Spotlight Series, held on the third Tuesday of each month virtually using Zoom from 7:30 -9:00 pm ET:

- Tuesday, June 21, The Queen's Gambit (2020)
- Tuesday, July 19, What I Carry by Jennifer Longo
- Tuesday, August 16, The Adopted Life Podcast

Tough Talk Parent Discussions (Virtual)

Adoption Network Cleveland offers monthly parent discussions, including Tough Talks on Race and other difficult-to-discuss topics. Expert speakers facilitate constructive discussions that include strategies for parents on how to have these important conversations with their children in an honest and informed manner. This summer we will be discussing how transracial adoptive parents can have "The Talk" with their children of color, Demystifying Special Needs and the Impact of Trauma on Education, and Country of Origin Travel and Your Child - addressing how as a part of openness in adoption and identity development, travel to your child's first country is a priceless investment and experience. Register: <https://bit.ly/CalendarANC>.

Our Tough Talks will be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month virtually using Zoom from 7:30-9:00 pm ET:

- Thursday, June 9 - The Talk - An Imperative for Transracial Parents of Children of Color presented by Mark Cardwell
- Thursday, Jul 14 - Demystifying Special Needs and the Impact of Trauma on Education presented by Janet Fleck
- Thursday, August 11 - Country of Origin Travel and Your Child presented by Brooke Randolph, LMHC, LPCC-S

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Teen Tea (In-Person)

Ready to spill the TEA? Youth who are adopted or living with extended family or in foster care, ages 11+ are invited to join our monthly peer support group! This will be a safe place for youth to share their truth, advocate for and support one another, and learn more about themselves. Our facilitators are Brain Lutz and Kelsey Reilly (bios on our website), who both have a connection to adoption.

Snacks will be provided, and each attendee will be entered in a door prize raffle. Parents, there is space for you to hang out too while the teens meet! Come check out our new space and enjoy some in-person comradery. Registration is required so we can be prepared with snacks! <https://bit.ly/CalendarANC>.

Summer Dates for Teen TEA, held on the first Friday of every month in person from 5:00-6:00 pm:

- Friday, June 3, 6:00 pm ET
- Friday, July 8, 6:00 pm ET
- Friday, August 5, 6:00 pm ET

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.