

Monthly Calendar

September 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 • September 21, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Third Saturday each month
Cincinnati Public Library, 2747 Erie Ave.

Columbus • September 10, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Second Tuesday each month
Columbus Metropolitan Library, 5590 Karl Rd.

Greater Miami Valley (Dayton)
Location and dates for 2019 are currently TBD. Please contact Deborah Wentz at (216) 482-2327 for updated information. You are always invited to attend the Virtual Webcam Meeting!

Heights • September 19, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Third Thursday each month
Church of the Saviour, 2537 Lee Rd.

Lake County (Mentor) • September 24, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Last Tuesday each month
Mentor Baptist Church, 7500 Johnnycake Ridge Rd.

Rocky River • September 5, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
First Thursday each month
West Shore Unitarian Church, 20401 Hilliard Dr.
Topic: Grief and Loss in Adoption
Social work and counselor CEUs available with preregistration 48 hours in advance.

Summit County (Cuy. Falls) • September 11, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Second Wednesday each month
MedPoint Medical Center, 650 Graham Rd.

Virtual Webcam Meeting • September 26, 8 - 10 p.m. (EST)
Fourth Thursday each month. Pre-registration required online.

Meeting info at bit.ly/generalmtgs

FOSTER YOUTH AND ALUMNI HUB

Get Real

Thursday, September 5 (Girls) and Tuesday, September 10 (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: What's Going On? - Social Awareness

Transportation is available with RSVP.

More info and referral at bit.ly/GetRealANC

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

FAMILY HUB

Family Ties Parent & Youth Group

Thursday, September 12, 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 Current in the Adoption and Kinship World?

This Parent Café led by members of the Parent Advisory Team who attended the [NACAC Conference](#) share their experience and how their lessons learned can be implemented within our group.

YOUTH TOPIC: What's Going On? - Social Awareness
Youth will develop an awareness of empathy skills and how they relate to continuing positive relationships with others.

Certificate of attendance available.

More info at bit.ly/FamilyTiesANC

Adoption 201: Adopting Infants Domestically

Wednesday, September 4, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Expanding on Adoption 101: Where Do I Begin?, this two-hour workshop explores more details for those considering a domestic infant adoption.

Member cost: \$15 per person, \$25 per couple

Non-Member: \$20 per person, \$35 per couple

Add \$5 if paying the day of the workshop.

More info and registration at: bit.ly/ANC201

Foster, Adoptive and Kinship Parent Trainings

Ohio Child Welfare Training Program

Tuesday, September 10, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

"Effective Communications," Trainer: Janice Felton-Williams

Saturday, September 21, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

"Avoiding Automatic Negative Thoughts," Trainer: John Ward

Tuesday, September 24, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

"Educational Advocacy: Helping Your Child Succeed in School," Trainer: Brian Lowery

Parent training certificates available.

More info at bit.ly/ANCparenttraining

Transracial Adoptive Family Group

Sunday, September 8, 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

EMBRACE Mentor Support Group

Tuesday, September 24, 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.

EMBRACE Mentor Orientation

Saturday, September 28, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The EMBRACE mentoring program provides youth (ages 10+) in adoptive and kinship families with a one-on-one connection to an additional caring adult and role model who builds a relationship to provide support and stability. Come find out how to become a mentor!

More info at: bit.ly/MentoringANC



CYCLEGIVES
SAT 09/14 | 1:00 - 1:45 PM **\$25/RIDE**

Join Us for an upbeat 45-minute cycling class hosted by Cyclebar of Beachwood on Saturday, September 14 at 1:00 p.m. All proceeds support Adoption Network Cleveland programs. Space is limited, so register today! bit.ly/ancleride