

Monthly Calendar

December 2020 Events and Programs

ADULT ADOPTEE & BIRTPARENT HUB

General Discussion Meetings

Support and discussion groups for adult adoptees, birthparents, siblings, adoptive parents, prospective parents, professionals, and anyone interested in exploring the lifelong journey of adoption. December 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>. Please note that the meeting facilitated by Barbara and Dan will be held on the 4th Wednesday rather than the 4th Thursday.

Meeting info at <http://bit.ly/GDMatANC>.

Virtual General Discussion Meeting Dates

December 1, 7-9 p.m. (ET) led by our Miami Valley facilitators, Becky & Oliver

December 3, 7-9 p.m. (ET) led by our Rocky River facilitators, Linda & Elaine

December 8, 7-9 p.m. (ET) led by our Columbus facilitators, Marni & Mindy

December 9, 7-9 p.m. (ET) led by our Summit Co. facilitators, Kim & Denice - Special discussion topic: "Connecting Despite Distancing."

December 17, 7-9 p.m. (ET) led by our Heights facilitators, Dottie & Estes

December 23, 8-10 p.m. (ET) led by our Virtual facilitators, Barbara & Dan

FAMILIES & YOUTH HUB

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>.

PARENT GROUP (Virtual)

Thursday, December 10, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

This meeting will be a chance to get together and talk about school, parenting concerns, and how we're all managing through Covid. Join us on Google Meet to learn, share, and give and receive support. Registration required: <https://bit.ly/ANCfamilyties1220>

YOUTH GROUP (Virtual):

Wednesday, December 9, 6:00 p.m. - Girl Code

Virtual opportunities for youth to meet online with peers in a facilitated conversation will be provided for boys (Guy Code) and girls (Girl Code) separately. Please note there will not be a Guy Code in December. For more information and the link to access the meetings, contact Danielle Gibson at danielle.gibson@adoptionnetwork.org.

Weaving Cultures Transracial Adoptive Families Group Parent Group (Virtual)

Tuesday, December 15, 8:00-9:30 p.m.

Weaving Cultures is for families who have been formed through transracial adoption. Join other transracial adoptive parents for a virtual get-together. This will be an opportunity for parents to talk, share, and learn from each other. The meeting this month will be an open forum, bring any topics or questions you want to discuss or just come to listen and build community. This meeting will be virtual using Google Meet. Registration required: <https://bit.ly/ANCweavingculture1220>

Adoption 201: Adopting Infants Domestically (Virtual)

Wednesday, December 9, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Expanding on the Adoption 101: Where Do I Begin Workshop, this 2-hour workshop explores more details for those considering a domestic infant adoption, including creating a profile, home study expectations, and a discussion on openness in adoption. Previous attendance at Adoption 101 is highly encouraged, but not required. Minimal costs for registration: <https://bit.ly/201ANC1220>

FOR ALL

This is Us - A Facilitated Discussion (Virtual)

Monday, December 7, 8:00-9:00 p.m.

NBC's hit show "This is Us" has gained a following in the adoption community. Over the last several years, the show has highlighted many of the complex issues around adoption and race. Adoption Network Cleveland invites you to join us for a facilitated discussion. Everyone is invited to attend and share their perspective. The discussion will be facilitated by Barbara Robertson, LMSW and Ohio-born, New York adoptee, and Krysia Orłowski, writer, professor, and transracial adoptive parent.

To find out more and to register: <https://bit.ly/>



JOIN ADOPTION NETWORK CLEVELAND FOR A

Gingerbread House Competition

Despite not being able to hold our annual winter holiday party this year, we want to join together and create some winter holiday cheer! Everyone at the Network - program participants, members, volunteers, donors, board, and staff - are invited to join us in a friendly Gingerbread House Competition!

To find out more about how to participate, visit: <https://bit.ly/ANCgingerbread>

Here are the dates to remember:

- Register by December 2
- Delivery to Cuyahoga County participants will be December 3 & 4
- Create and post/email your gingerbread house creation by Dec. 13 to Facebook and Instagram on our pages @adoptionnetcle or email to donikea.austin@adoptionnetwork.org
- Voting will date place December 14-December 20
- Winners will be announced on December 21

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