

Monthly Calendar

October 2020 Events and Programs

ADULT ADOPTEE & 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. October meetings will be virtual. Individuals from any location are encouraged to join. Please note that 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>.

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

Virtual General Discussion Meeting Dates

October 1, 7-9 p.m. (ET) led by our Rocky River facilitators, Linda & Elaine

October 6, 7-9 p.m. (ET) led by our Miami Valley facilitators, Becky & Oliver

October 13, 7-8:30 p.m. (ET) led by our Columbus facilitators, Marni & Mindy

October 14, 7-9:00 p.m. (ET) led by our Summit Co. facilitators, Kim & Denice

October 15, 7-9 p.m. (ET) led by our Heights facilitators, Dottie & Estes

October 22, 8-10 p.m. (ET) led by our Virtual Mtg. facilitators, Barbara & Dan

FAMILIES & YOUTH HUB

Family Ties Program

Thursday, October 8, 2020, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

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 & YOUTH GROUP - We will be meeting in-person at the West Creek Reservation at 2277 Ridgewood Drive, Parma, OH. Dress for the weather. Children ages 2-11 will be taking a nature hike while the parents and teens meet.

Register at: <https://bit.ly/CalendarANC>.

YOUTH GROUP (Virtual):

Wednesday, October 14, 6:00 p.m. - Girl Code

Tuesday, October 27, 6:00 p.m. - Guy Code

Virtual opportunities for youth to meet online with peers in a facilitated conversation will be provided for boys (Boy Code) and girls (Girl Code) separately.

For more information and the link to access the meetings, contact Danielle Gibson at danielle.gibson@adoptionnetwork.org

Adoption 101: Where Do I Begin? (Virtual)

Saturday, October 17, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

This workshop will give you a realistic overview of the adoption options and the process involved in each. The information and resources offered will help you make a decision about the best route for your adoption journey. Member cost: \$20 per person and \$35 per couple
Non-member cost: \$35 per person and \$55 per couple
For info and to register: <http://bit.ly/101atANC>.

Foster, Adoptive, and Kinship Parent Trainings Ohio Child Welfare Training Program

Wednesday, October 21, 6:00-9:00 p.m., "Welcome to my Home: Fostering a Child of Another Culture" #927-16, Trainer: Janice Felton-Williams

Wednesday, October 28, 6:00-9:00 p.m., "Triggers: What Can Cause Adoption Related Crisis," #948-PA11-S, Trainer: Linda Loveland

Saturday, October 31, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., "Preventing, Recognizing and Managing Urgent Medical Situations for Children in Care," #990-37, Trainer: Ronna Johnson

All trainings are FREE and in-person at Adoption Network, 4614 Prospect Ave., Ste.550, Cleveland, OH 44103. To find out more: <http://bit.ly/ANCTraining4Parents>.

Journeys of Discovery: Navigating the Intersections of Adoption Virtual Conference

Friday, October 23 & Saturday, October 24, 2020

Adoption Knowledge Affiliates and Adoption Network Cleveland have joined forces to present “Journeys of Discovery: Navigating the Intersections of Adoption,” a virtual conference to be held on Friday & Saturday, October 23 & 24, 2020! This amazing opportunity will bring together the expertise of both organizations to offer presentations by national and state experts on the lifelong journey of adoption. The conference delivers two full days of educational and supportive content for members of the adoption and foster care community as well as adoption professionals. Professionals can expect CEUs for social workers and counselors (including ethics) and ample networking opportunities.

Journeys of Discovery: Navigating the Intersections of Adoption will also be a time to share, learn, and grow together. Join us to explore the lifelong journey of adoption and its many facets along the way.

Register for the conference at:
<https://www.adoptionknowledge.org/registration.html>



Awards Ceremony & Theatre Presentation

Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020, 7:30 pm ET/6:30 pm CT

The public is invited to a special Awards Ceremony and Theatre presentation of "Hot Dogs at the Eiffel Tower" by Maggie Gallant at the close of the conference on Saturday evening. This will be FREE to the public. Watch our website, emails, and social media for the link to attend. Our annual Triad Advocate of the Year Award will be presented, as well as a proclamation by Ohio Senator Nickie Antonio marking the 5th anniversary of Ohio's Access to Records implementation.

These are the amazing conference workshops we have in store for you!

Is It Just ADHD? Understanding the Adopted Child's Behavior, Dr. Elaine Schulte • Transforming Trauma: Resilience and Healing for the Adoption Community, Lesli Johnson, LMFT • From the Unknown to Known: Living in Complexity after the Search, Barbara Lynn Robertson, LMSW • Best Practices for Serving LGBTQ Youth in Foster & Adoptive Families, Karey Scheyd, MPA • Feminist Perspectives on Adoption, Kate Livingston PhD • Intersections of Unresolved Grief, Mental & Behavioral Health, and Adoption, Erin Spalding, LCSW • Waiting, Creating, and Finding Family: Past, Present, and Fiction - Suzanne Gilbert, Author • The Urgency of Seeing Color in Adoption and Foster Care, April Dinwoodie • Saving Our Sisters; A Nationwide Organization & Movement, Renee Gelin • Let's (Learn How to) Talk about Sex! An Adoptive/Kinship/Foster Parent's Workshop, Holly Spencer-Trueman, Mdiv • BEHIND ME / BEFORE ME, Leslie Pate Mackinnon, LCSW, Clare Allen, MSW, Jennifer Frederickson, Carrie Thompson, LPC • Decoding Your DNA Identity, Amanda Reno, Traci Onders • Supporting Positive Identity Development, Amanda Schranghamer, LSW • Equal Access to Original Birth Certificates: Fighting for Our Rights in the State of Texas, Joellen Peters, PhD, Support Texas Adoptee Rights (STAR) President & Sharon Cloninger, JD, STAR Board Member • The Changing Racial Equity Needs of Adoptive and Kinship Families and in Child Welfare, Chelsy Alexander, LMSW

*Adoption Network Cleveland programs are provided free unless otherwise noted. All programs except those noted will continue to be offered virtually during October.