

INFERTILITY & ADOPTION COUNSELING CENTER



Workshop Series

Domestic Adoption: Communicating with Birth Parents

Date: Sunday, May 16, 2009

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Place: IACCenter, 2 Tree Farm Road, Suite A200, Pennington N.J., 08534

This workshop is for anyone adopting domestically, even if you are already working with an attorney or an adoption agency. Agencies and attorneys focus on completing adoptions successfully, which is precisely what you want them to focus on. But they may not have the time or counseling experience to focus on training you to really connect with birthparents. This workshop will teach you to feel more confident and to gain the skills necessary for making an adoption situation work not just for now, but for the long term.

Session 1

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Introduction and Exploration

Speaker: Lindsay Conover, MSW, an IAC Center Counselor with significant experience working with birth parents.

Explore your understanding and anxieties about the relationship between birth parents and adoptive parents. Identify your questions and concerns about communicating with birth parents before, during and after the actual adoption in preparation for session 2 when you will have a chance to have these issues addressed from the perspective of birth mothers who have placed their babies for adoption.

Session 2

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Birth Parent Perspectives Before, During and After the Adoption

Panel Moderator: Lindsay Conover, MSW

Speakers: A Panel of Birth parents who have placed their babies for adoption

These birthparents will discuss how they felt about placing their babies and selecting the adoptive parents; communicating with the prospective parents during the adoption process; and how they feel about communicating with adoptive families after the adoption and about open adoption. In hearing the birth parents perspectives, you will gain a better understanding about how to communicate and connect with potential birthparents; how to gather background information that will be important to your child in the future; and how to deal with post adoption and open adoption issues going forward.

Seating is limited. Pre-registration is required and should be completed at least one week prior to the event. Payment must be received in order to confirm your registration. Cancellations must be received at least three days prior to the event. For additional information call 609-737-8750 or email JMantellMSW@iaccenter.com. **Please return registration form and payment to: IAC Center, 2 Tree Farm Road, Suite A200, Pennington, NJ 08534**

Workshop Registration Form

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Sunday, May 16, 2009: Domestic Adoption

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