

The recent issue of PEDIATRICS, the official journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics had an article: Disability Among Internationally Adopted Children in the United States by Rose M. Kreider, PhD and Philip N. Cohen, PhD

After careful analysis, it was reported that “Internationally adopted children have disability rates similar to those adopted domestically (11.7% vs 12.2%, respectively) and more than twice the rate for all children in that age range (5.8%). The adjusted odds of disability relative to domestic adoptees range from one half or less (China and Korea) to twice as large or more (Romania, Bulgaria, other Eastern Europe, and other Western Europe).”

Join us for the upcoming Professional Training: Adopting Older Children: Assessing Families Readiness to Manage Specific Issues Unique to Older Children with Jane Aronson being held Tuesday, December 8, 2009 from 1 - 4 pm. In New York City.

How do we help families make the decision on the age of a child to adopt? What preparation is needed and available to a family when they adopt an older child? What if this “shifts” the birth order within the family? This training will delve into issues surrounding the family’s expectations, potential areas of difficulty for the child and family, and how to create and foster a support system within the family and community.

- Learn how to identify expectations, readiness and resiliency of the adoptive family
- Understand developmental growth of children adopted when older, including language, memory, roots, cultural/ethnic identity and name changes.
- Helping families process information they have, don’t have or discover, including family ties to the country of origin.
- Enhancing family strengths and resilience in navigating community institutions and resources

Dr. Jane Aronson graduated from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in 1986 where she did her pediatric residency and chief residency, followed by a fellowship in Pediatric Infectious Diseases at Columbia Presbyterian /Babies Hospital in New York City. Between 1992 and 2000, she was the Chief of Pediatric Infectious Diseases and Director of the International Adoption Medical Consultation Services at Winthrop-University Hospital in Mineola, New York. Since July 2000, Dr. Aronson has been in private practice as Director of International Pediatric Health Services, which is exclusively for adopted children, in New York City. She is Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the Weill Medical College of Cornell University and has as an adoption medicine specialist evaluated well over 6,500 children adopted from abroad; and she has traveled to orphanages throughout the world. Since 1997, Dr. Aronson has conducted research and provided education in orphanages

abroad through her foundation, Worldwide Orphans Foundation (WWO). She has been featured in newspapers and magazines throughout the US. Dr. Aronson received the Humanitarian Award from World of Children. She is a parent through adoption of two sons, Benjamin from Viet Nam and Desalegn from Ethiopia.

To register, go to www.jccany.org/ametz or call 212-558-9949. Pre-registration required and space is limited. NASW CEUs available.

The Ametz Adoption Program/JCCA has provided domestic and international private adoption services for over 25 years. As part of this work, there is an emphasis on meeting the needs of clients in the communities in which they live. To do so effectively, Ametz strongly believes an educated professional community is necessary. Drawing on the best “adoption” minds in the New York area, we proudly present the Institute’s 6th year offerings geared for those working with adoptive families and families-to-be. Each session includes a didactic presentation and time for interactive discussion. Meetings are held at JCCA’s Main Office located at 120 Wall Street, Manhattan. For more information or to register, call 212-558-9949 or go to www.jccany.org/ametztraining