

Concerned Persons for Adoption (CPFA)

2022 Program and Events Calendar

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Celebrating 50 Years as an Adoption Support Group!

Each year CPFA has four family social events, four book club meetings, virtual “Can We Talk” discussions, as well as our flagship annual conference with Rutgers University in the spring and a mini conference in the fall. *We hope you will join us!*

Please check our website, www.cpfanji.org, for updates, and follow us on Facebook (Concerned Persons for Adoption-CPFA NJ) and Instagram (@ CPFA_NJ).

Thursday, January 27: 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm: CPFA Adoption Book Group (via Zoom and in-person)

Please join us for a lively and thought-provoking discussion on *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer.

If you would like to join us please e-mail CPFAnj.adoptionbookgroup@gmail.com to be included in the Zoom invite, add "CPFA Book Group Zoom" in the email subject line. See www.cpfanji.org for more details.

Friday, February 4: 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm: “Can We Talk?” (via Zoom)

Join us this winter by joining experienced adoptive parents and talking to other adoptive parents about various topics. Come share thoughts, ideas and more. Register via our website or email to receive the day of event link. Selected topic TBD.

Sunday, February 13: 3:00 – 5:00 pm “Men’s Only” Super Bowl Sunday Gathering (via Zoom)

A great opportunity for the Dad’s to gather and talk about sports, family life, challenges and joys. Register via our website or email to receive the day of event link. Have ready your favorite beverage and join the fun.

Saturday, March 5: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm:

39th Annual CPFA "Let's Talk Adoption"sm Virtual Conference!

Join us for our 39th annual adoption conference! This all day conference is coordinated by Concerned Persons for Adoption and is co-sponsored by the Adoption Agency Council of NJ (AACNJ) and Rutgers University School of Social Work, Institute for Families.

Continuing Education Hours approved for social workers, licensed professional counselors, and school teachers. Please check www.cpfanji.org and emails for details and registration.

Friday, April 1: 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm: “Can We Talk?” (via Zoom)

Join us by joining experienced adoptive parents and talking to other adoptive parents about various topics. Come share thoughts, ideas and more. Register via our website or email to receive the day of event link. Selected topic TBD.

Thursday, April 28: 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm: CPFA Adoption Book Group (Zoom and in-person)

Please join us for a lively and thought-provoking discussion “The Laughing Rabbit: A Mother, A Son, and The Ties That Bind” by Richard Manders, Patricia O'Brien). If you would like to join us please [e-mail CPFAnj.adoptionbookgroup@gmail.com](mailto:CPFAnj.adoptionbookgroup@gmail.com) to be included in the Zoom invite, add "CPFA Book Group Zoom" in the email subject line. In-person location TBD. See www.cpfanji.org for more details.

Sunday, May 15: Family Day at Turtle Back Zoo

Please join us for a great time at the Turtle Back Zoo! Fun starts at 12:30 pm. Group rates for 15 or more people are \$10.00 per person. To get the discounted rate we must have at least 15 registered people and pay in advance to CPFA. See website for details and registration.

Thursday, July 28: 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm: CPFA Adoption Book Group (via Zoom and in-person)

Please join us for a lively and thought-provoking discussion on Book 1 of the *Rock Memoir: The Birth-Fathers' Club Series (Book 1)* by Michelle Kreigman. If you would like to join us please e-mail CPFAnj.adoptionbookgroup@gmail.com to be included in the Zoom invite, add "**CPFA Book Group Zoom**" in the email subject line. In-person location at Chatham – Summit Quaker Meeting, 158 Southern Boulevard, Chatham, NJ 07928. See www.cpfanj.org for more details.

Saturday, August 6: 1:00 – 5:00 pm: CPFA Summer Family Picnic and 50th Anniversary Celebration!

Come join our group of adoptive families for a fun afternoon in the sun and water at Sunrise Lake in Lewis Morris Park in Morristown and help us celebrate **50 years as an adoption support group!** Please bring a picnic meal for your family, chairs, towels, and beach toys. CPFA will supply snacks, drinks and a dessert for the special celebration. You will find us under the beach tent! Attendance into Sunrise Lake is free, but you must register with us. Admission does not include the Wibit water feature; families may pay for that separately. For details on Sunrise Lake Beach Club please visit:

<https://www.morrisparks.net/index.php/reservations/sunrise-lake-beach-club/>. More details to follow.

Friday, October 14: 8:00 – 9:30 pm: “Can We Talk?” (via Zoom)

Are you or your child experiencing anxiety, depression, developmental trauma and/or ADHD? Neurofeedback may help! Join CPFA and Leanne Hershkowitz, M.A./Ed.S., LPC, BCN, Owner and Therapist, Finding Hope Adolescent Counseling Center to learn more about neurofeedback and how it can help with mental health symptoms, especially with those of adoptees and their families. Register via website.

Saturday, October 22: 1:00 pm: Pumpkin Picking Event (rescheduled from October 1 due to inclement weather)

Held at Ort Farms, 25 Bartley Road, Long Valley NJ, this is a family-friendly event open to the public and CPFA members. Free admission to CPFA members if registered by October 19. Includes pick-your-own field, hayride and corn maze. Pumpkins not included; price per pound. Other on-site activities include train rides, apple cannon, pony rides, monster trucks and more! RSVP via website.

Thursday, October 27: 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm: CPFA Adoption Book Group (via Zoom and in-person)

Please join us for a lively and thought-provoking discussion on *Bitterroot: A Salish Memoir of Transracial Adoption* by Susan Devan Harness. via Zoom Meeting online and in-person. If you would like to join us please e-mail CPFAnj.adoptionbookgroup@gmail.com to be included in the Zoom invite, add "**CPFA Book Group Zoom**" in the email subject line. In-person location at Chatham – Summit Quaker Meeting, 158 Southern Boulevard, Chatham, NJ 07928. . See www.cpfanj.org for more details.

Friday, November 18: 8:00 – 9:30 pm: “Can We Talk?” (via Zoom)

To help celebrate National Adoption Awareness Month, please join us for a special virtual Zoom presentation. Topic TBD. More information to follow.

Saturday, December 3: Ice Skating Event!!

Join CPFA families at Warinanco Park in Roselle NJ for a fun time of ice skating! During November and December we will also offer the opportunity to donate through our website so CPFA may purchase holiday gift cards for foster children within the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P). Website will be updated with details.

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Concerned Persons For Adoption (CPFA) is a non-profit organization in the State of New Jersey dedicated to the belief that every child deserves a family. CPFA is not an adoption agency, but a volunteer organization working to support those who wish to adopt, and to provide educational and networking resources for those who have adopted.