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Concerned Persons for Adoption (CPFA) 2010 Program and Events Calendar *As of November 7, 2009*

CPFA changed its educational programming format in 2008. We now provide three seasonal programs instead of ten monthly programs. *Each new seasonal program will include two simultaneous workshops (one for pre-adoptive parents and one for post-adoptive parents) plus a chat room.* The seasonal programs will occur mid-week on *Wednesday* evenings beginning at **7:45 pm**. New Member Orientation will take place at 7:30 pm. Social Events and our Annual "Let's Talk Adoption"sm conference will continue to take place on Saturdays. We also have an Adoption Book Club which meets four times a year. *Please note that the 2010 dates and topics are tentative. Please check our website to verify.*

Wednesday, January 27 - 7:30 – 9:30 pm: CPFA Adoption Book Group

Please join us for a lively and thought-provoking discussion of the book "*Fugitive Visions: An Adoptee's Return To Korea*" by Jane Jeong Trenka, author of "*The Language of Blood: A Memoir*".

Wednesday, February 24 - 7:45 pm: Adoption Program - Winter Workshops

Viewing of parts of the DVD of "*ADOPTED*", a documentary film by Barb Lee; discussion facilitated by an adoption professional. Bring your questions and learn more about the realities of adoption.

A Saturday in March or April: Cultural Heritage Party (March 20 or April 10)

Come celebrate your heritage with us! We come from many backgrounds through adoption and birth. This is an opportunity to teach our children about those traditions and for them to feel a sense of pride in their heritage. It's also fun for children as well as adults to explore and taste the richness of other cultures. Bring a dish to share from your heritage, your child's heritage, or both! Drinks will be supplied by CPFA. FREE to CPFA members. \$10.00 per family for non-members.

Wednesday, April 28 - 7:30 – 9:30 pm: CPFA Adoption Book Group

Please join us for a lively and thought-provoking discussion of the book "*Black Baby White Hands: A View from the Crib*" by Jaiya John. Co-sponsored by NJ ARCH; moderated by Barbara A. Rall, LCSW.

Thursday, May 6th: 12th Annual CPFA Golf Classic: Held at Black Bear Golf Course in Franklin, NJ. This is the only fundraiser for CPFA; the cost of the event includes breakfast, door prizes, greens fees, and a great luncheon. For more information please contact Hugh O'Neill, Ways & Means Chairperson at (973) 722-0795.
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Please Note: Meeting Days are held on Wednesday Evenings!
Programs and Events will continue to take place at the
First Presbyterian Church of Whippany, 494 Whippany Road, Whippany, NJ 07981
Visit us at www.cpfanji.org to verify dates, times and topics.

Wednesday, May 26 - 7:45 pm: Adoption Program - Spring Workshops

1) **Adoption 101**

2) **Parenting and Discipline**

3) **General Adoption Chat** provides an opportunity for you to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about your adoption journey with CPFA board members and other adoptive parents.

Wednesday, July 28 - 7:30 – 9:30 pm: CPFA Adoption Book Group

Please join us for a lively and thought-provoking discussion of the book “*Real Parents, Real Children: Parenting The Adopted Child*” by Holly Van Gulden and Lisa M. Bartels-Rabb.

July 17 - 12:00 – 5:00 pm CPFA Summer Family Picnic

Come join our family of adoptive families for a fun afternoon in the sun and water at Sunrise Lake in Lewis Morris Park in Morristown. Please bring a picnic meal for your family, snacks, chairs, towels, beach toys and beach umbrella. Come play! Free for members. Small cost for non-members.

Wednesday, September 29 - 7:45 pm: Adoption Program - Fall Workshops

1) **The Role of the Extended Family in Adoption: Bring your (adult) extended family to this lively discussion.**

2) **The Basics of Special Education in New Jersey:** learn about the early intervention, IEP’s as well as your rights as a parent in the school district.

3) **General Adoption Chat** provides an opportunity for you to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about your adoption journey with CPFA board members and other adoptive parents

A Saturday in October - 2:00 - 4:00 pm: Halloween Party

Please bring a fall/Halloween themed snack or dessert to share. Drinks will be supplied by CPFA. Come in costume (Yes, adults consider dressing up!) FREE to CPFA members. \$10 per family for non-members.

Wednesday, October 27 - 7:30 – 9:30 pm: CPFA Adoption Book Group

Please join us for a lively and thought-provoking discussion of the book “*Adoptees Come Of Age: Living Within Two Families*” by Ronald J. Nydam. Adult adoptee Pam Hasegawa will lead the discussion.

Saturday, November 6 - All Day: 29th Annual “Let’s Talk Adoption”[™] Conference

Join us for a full day of 36 workshops on pre- and post-adoptive issues at our 29th annual adoption conference at the Rutgers University Busch Campus Center, in Piscataway, NJ. This conference is coordinated by Concerned Persons for Adoption and is co-sponsored by the New Jersey Interagency Adoption Counsel and Rutgers University School of Social Work, Institute for Families. Continuing Education Hours approved for social workers, licensed professional counselors, and school teachers.

A Saturday in December (TBD) - 12:00 - 3:00 pm: Holiday Party Please join us for a fun party!

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.