

New Jersey's 29th Annual "Let's Talk Adoption"sm Conference

November 6, 2010 at Rutgers University

Coordinated by Concerned Persons for Adoption

Co-sponsored by the New Jersey Interagency Adoption Council and
Rutgers University School of Social Work, Institute for Families

CALL FOR WORKSHOP PROPOSALS

Proposals due on or before Friday, April 16, 2010

Proposals must include the following:

- Title & short description of workshop
- Targeted audience (pre- or post-adoptive parents, young adult adoptees, social workers, birthparents, child welfare workers, school guidance counselors)
- Presenters' name(s), title(s) & resume(s)/CV
- Contact information (email, telephone, mailing address)

IF accepted, the following will be required:

- Timed outline (1 hour including Q&A). If your workshop would fit better into a longer session (e.g. 1 ½ or 2 hours) please let us know and we will take that into consideration.
- Presenter is responsible for making handout copies for workshop attendees and to distribute them on the day of the conference. The number of copies will be determined by the number of registered attendees. The total number will be estimated 2 weeks prior to the conference.
- List of audio-visual needs (e.g. laptop PC/MAC, projector & screen, TV/DVD, microphone, easel & flip chart, etc.)
- Contact information for directory of speakers that will given to conference attendees

Please note that all book sales must be handled through the conference bookseller. Book signing will occur at specified times during the conference in the book sales room (books are not to be sold or signed in workshops.) See attached guidelines or visit our Conference page at www.cpfanjanj.org.

Please send proposals via email to Kathleen Strakosch Walz at conference10@cpfjanj.org or mail to:
CPFA 2010 Conference, c/o Kathleen Strakosch Walz, PO Box 343, Mount Tabor, NJ 07878-0343

While we always need general pre-adoptive workshops, keep in mind topics for the growing number of young adult adoptees, social workers and child welfare workers, school educators, school social workers, extended family members, and of course, workshops that address the very important post-adoptive issues that our conference has become known for. The following are topics that have been suggested as possible workshops:

- Panels of adult adoptees
- Panels of birth mothers & birth fathers
- Open adoption, search and reunion topics
- School issues; Special Ed & adoption
- Attachment & Identity issues
- Cultural heritage
- Help dealing with Bullying & Racism
- Embryo adoption, sperm & egg donation
- Blended biological/adoptive families
- Single parent adoption
- Medical and developmental issues
- Sensory integration & behavioral issues
- Sibling adoptions
- Adopting older child; waiting child; DYFS
- Domestic adoption process
- Hague Treaty & International Adoption
- The waiting period
- Adoption financing; Adoption ethics
- Talking to children about adoption
- Difficult stories
- Adolescence and adoption issues
- Post-adoption depression
- Impact of divorce on adoptees
- Finalizing the adoption (legal processes)

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2010 Workshop Speaker Guidelines

The "Let's Talk Adoption"sm conference is non-commercial, educational, non-profit conference coordinated entirely by volunteers. CPFA has no paid employees. The goal is to keep the registration fee low, and free admission is provided in deserving cases. We provide one annual scholarship to a student intending to work in child welfare. The conference operates on a break-even basis and the only sources of revenue are registration fees, a percentage of book sales, and small donations.

Keynote Speaker

- Speaker fee will be as negotiated. This is generally for the keynote plus two workshop presentations.
- CPFA will pay reasonable expenses: economy airfare, meals, up to two nights in a hotel to be reserved by CPFA.
- CPFA will provide transportation from the hotel to the conference site.
- If the keynote speaker is within a reasonable driving distance we will pay mileage and tolls and pay for up to two nights in a hotel to be reserved by CPFA.
- All book sales are to be through the conference bookseller. No book sales will be allowed directly by the presenter or during workshop sessions. Book signing by author will occur at specified times in the book sales room on the day of the conference.
- CPFA will make copies of a reasonable size for the keynote address handouts as well as those for their workshop sessions.

Other Speakers

- We do not pay speaker fees, except for the keynote.
- We can pay an occasional honorarium, or help with travel expenses, in special circumstances to unpaid volunteer organizations. This will be at the discretion of the conference committee.
- Speakers are required to bring their own handouts. CPFA will provide an estimate of the number of workshop attendees 2 weeks prior to the conference date.
- As above, all book sales are to be through the conference bookseller. No book sales will be allowed directly by the presenter or during workshop sessions. Book signing by authors will occur at specified times in the book sales room on the day of the conference.

Final Decisions

- The conference committee has the sole right to reject any speaker, organization or material they consider does not meet the educational/non-commercial spirit of the conference.

If you have any questions please contact CPFA Conference Coordinator
Kathleen Strakosch Walz at conference10@cpfanj.org or 973.625.5628

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