

New Jersey's 27th Annual "Let's Talk Adoption" sm
Conference

Call for Workshop Proposals

Deadline extended to May 30th

Conference to be held on Saturday, November 1, 2008

Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ

Keynote Speaker: Adam Pertman

author of *Adoption Nation*

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

IF accepted, the following will be required:

- Timed outline
- One copy of handouts (presenter is responsible for making extra copies for workshop attendees)
- List of audio-visual needs (note that the overuse of PowerPoint presentations can become monotonous to an attendee, please be creative)
- Contact information for directory of speakers

*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.cpfan.org.*

Please send proposal(s) via email to Kathleen Strakosch Walz at kswalz@verizon.net

and cc Nancy Gera-Moglia at Drnegm@aol.com or mail to:

Attn: 2008 Conference, CPFA, PO Box 179, Whippany, NJ 07981

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, guidance counselors, and school social workers, and of course workshops that address the very important post-adoptive issues that our conference has become known for. The following are a few topics that have been suggested as possible workshops:

- Helping your child deal with racism
- Issues regarding: embryo adoption, sperm and egg donors
- Medical and developmental issues
- Panels of young adult adoptees; birthparents.
- Adopting older child; waiting child; how to work with DYFS
- Search and reunion topics
- Attachment and Identity issues
- Extended family issues
- Single parent adoption
- Blended families
- Domestic adoption process
- Impact of Hague Treaty on international adoption
- School issues
- Impact of divorce on adoptees
- Sensory integration therapy