Concerned Persons for Adoption (CPFA)
2026-2027 Program and Events Calendar

as of 11/1/26

Celebrating over 50 Years as an Adoption Support Group!

Each year CPFA has family social events, four book club meetings, virtual "Can We Talk" discussions, as well as an annual family conference. *We hope you will join us!*

Please check our website, www.cpfanj.org, for updates, and follow us on Facebook (Concerned Persons for Adoption-CPFA NJ) and Instagram (CPFA_NJ). If you have any questions, please contact us at cpfanj@gmail.com.

November - National Adoption Month

Saturday, November 14, 9:00 am-2 pm, Family Conference

Join is in Somerville, NJ at Immaculate Conception Elementary School. This half-day of workshops is open to pre-adoptive, adoptive, kinship, and foster parents, adoptive and foster children (ages 8-17) and adult adopted persons with fun and informative topics. Visit www.cpfanj.org to register.

November 14-December 1, Accepting Gift Donations for NJ Youth in Foster Care

Information on to donate will be available on www.cpfaj.org by November 14.

We are planning additional events for 2027. Let us know if you have any ideas as CPFANJ@gmail.com.

Thursday, January 28, 2027, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm, CPFA Adoption Book Club

Please join us for a thought-provoking discussion on "The Correspondent" *by Virginia Evans.*
All Book Club meetings are held in-person at Panera Bread 187 Columbia Turnpike, Florham Park NJ, 07932. Visit www.cpfanj.org for more details. To preview the book visit: https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/223001257-the-correspondent?ac=1&from_search=true&qid=YokXqr1Rip&rank=1.

Thursday, April 22, 2027, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm, CPFA Adoption Book Club

Please join us for a lively discussion on "Buckeye" by Patrick Ryan. All Book Club meetings are held in-person at Panera Bread 187 Columbia Turnpike, Florham Park NJ, 07932. Visit www.cpfanj.org for more details. To preview the book visit: https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/221251828-buckeye?ref=nav_sb_ss_1_7.

Thursday, July 22, 2027, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm, CPFA Adoption Book Club

Please join us for a lively and thought-provoking discussion on "Seven Sisters" by Lucinda Riley. All Book Club meetings are held in-person at Panera Bread 187 Columbia Turnpike, Florham Park NJ, 07932. Visit www.cpfanj.org for more details. To preview the book please visit: https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/22609358.

Thursday, October 21, 2027, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm, CPFA Adoption Book Club

Please join us for an engaging conversation on "The Calamity Club" by Kathryn Stockett. All Book Club meetings are held in-person at Panera Bakery Ridgedale Avenue, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Visit www.cpfanj.org for more details. To preview the book visit https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/228820257.

Past Events

Thursday, January 22, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm, CPFA Adoption Book Club

Please join us for a thought-provoking discussion on "The Snow Child" *by Eowyn Ivey.* All Book Club meetings are held in-person at Great Greek Mediterranean Grill, 182 Ridgedale Avenue, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Visit www.cpfanj.org for more details. To preview the book visit: https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/33597976-the-snow-child?from_search=true&from_srp=true&qid=lBe3VmfqML&rank=1.

February 7, 2:00-4:00 pm, Family Bowling

We will meet at Hanover Lanes, 119 State Route 10 West, East Hanover, NJ. Lanes and shoe rentals are included. Snacks and drinks are available to purchase. Sign up information is at www.cpfanj.org.

Friday, February 27, 8:00 pm-9:30 pm, *Can We Talk?*

Join us on Zoom for "Identity and Adoption," with presenters Amy Strickler, LMSW, LSW and Mark Dodd, LCSW. Identity is not something adoptees "figure out once." It evolves over time—often in ways that raise complex questions about race, belonging, family, and self. This session invites **adult adoptees** into an honest, respectful conversation about identity within adoption, with space for reflection, discussion, and lived experience. **Parents are welcome to attend**, with adoptee voices centered. Visit www.cpfanj.org for details and registration.

Sunday, March 8, 2:00-4:00 pm, Women's Afternoon Out

We will meet at the Office Tavern and Grill, 240 State Route 10 West, East Hanover, NJ celebrating International Women's Day and taking time to connect. This event is free for CPFA members/$10 for non members. Appetizers and soft drinks will be provided. RSVP date is March 4, 2026. Registration is limited to 25. Visit www.cpfanj.org to register.

Thursday, April 23, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm, CPFA Adoption Book Club

This book will be sure to challenge us on many levels. Join us as we discuss "James" *by Percival Everett.* All Book Club meetings are held in-person at Great Greek Mediterranean Grill, 182 Ridgedale Avenue, Florham Park, NJ 07932. Visit www.cpfanj.org for more details. To preview the book visit https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/173754979-james?ref=nav_sb_ss_4_5.

Sunday, April 26, 11 am, Turtle Back Zoo

CPFA visits the Zoo. Meet at the entrance at 11:30 am. Bring your lunch or purchase at the Zoo. CPFA will purchase tickets for the first 20 CPFA members (after the first 20 tickets the cost is $15 per ticket) for those after this Visit www.cpfanj.org for registration and additional details.

Friday, May 1, 8:00 pm-9:30 pm, *Can We Talk?*

Join us on Zoom for "Transracial Adoption: What We Needed vs. What We Got - Identity Support through an Adult Adopted Person's Lens." Presenter, April Dinwoodie (transracial adult adopted person). For adult adopted persons, closed to parents except the Can We Talk team. Visit www.cpfanj.org for details and registration.

May - National Foster Care Month

Saturday, May 30, 6:15 pm, Somerset Patriots Baseball Game

We have been selected to receive 30 seats for the game. These tickets will be available to CPFA members on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration is at www.cpfanj.org.

Thursday, July 23, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm, CPFA Adoption Book Club

Please join us for a lively and thought-provoking discussion on "Go As a River" *by Shelly Read.* All Book Club meetings are held in-person at Great Greek Mediterranean Grill, 182 Ridgedale Avenue, Florham Park, NJ 07932 (note location change). Visit www.cpfanj.org for more details. To preview the book please visit https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/63922274-go-as-a-river?ref=nav_sb_ss_1_13

Saturday, July 25, 2025, 1:00 pm-5:00 pm, Summer Family Picnic!

Come join our group for a fun afternoon in the sun and water at Sunrise Lake in Lewis Morris Park. Please bring a picnic meal for your family, chairs, towels, and beach toys. CPFA will supply snacks and drinks. 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/facilities/lewis-morris-county-park-sunrise-lake-beach/. Registration will be available in June 2026 at www.cpfanj.org.

September - National Kinship Care Month

Friday, September 18, 8:00 pm-9:30 pm, *Can We Talk? Search and Reunion*

Join us on Zoom for "Search and Reunion," Presenters, April Dinwoodie (transracial adult adopted person) and Amy Strickler, LMSW. Both Adoptions persons and families are welcome. Visit www.cpfanj.org for details and registration.