



Adoption and Identity:

Navigating the Many Ways We Define Ourselves

An important part of the adoption journey is making sense of the layers of our identities, both for children who have been adopted and their family members. We welcome parents who have adopted children from foster care, private agencies (domestic and international), and kinship adoption. This conference for parents will provide you with information and connect you to resources to support you on your journey as an adoptive parent.

Workshop Topics

From Expectations to Experience:

Processing the Parent's Adoption Story

As an adoptive parent, your perspectives and expectations are always evolving. In this interactive workshop you will have the opportunity to explore aspects of your identity as an adoptive parent and reflect on your journey so far. We will discuss successes, struggles, and unmet expectations related to your adoption story. We will also discuss a variety of tools to help you feel supported. Come for a lively discussion and hear from other adoptive parents about some of the challenges and commonalities unique to adoptive families.

Ages and Stages:

Understanding Adoption Through a Child's Lens

As children grow over time, their understanding of what it means to be adopted deepens. This workshop will review with parents how their child's perception and understanding of adoption changes as they grow. We will take a closer look at the role loss plays in adoption across childhood development. Guidelines for discussing adoption with children at different ages and stages will also be explored. You will hear an adoptive parent share her experience supporting her children in making positive meaning of their adoption story.

Developing a Healthy Cultural Identity in the Real World

Our cultural identity is an important piece of who we are. As children who have been adopted grow and form their cultural identity, they face additional challenges in defining themselves. This workshop will provide parents with strategies for helping their children have a confident, integrated sense of who they are and for facilitating open conversation about race, culture, and identity. Issues faced by families of transracial and international adoption will be discussed, such as answering tough questions and handling discrimination, but all adoptive families are welcome to attend.

Register Now!

Space is Limited.

Registration is free for eligible adoptive parents
(see reverse for details)

Thursday, April 20, 2017

First Presbyterian Church
203 Hawkins Avenue
Sanford, NC 27330
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

OR

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

Marsh Creek Community Center
3050 N. New Hope Road
Raleigh, NC 27601
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.



Conference Agenda and Registration

8:30 – 9:00	Registration & Refreshments
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome & Opening Remarks
9:30 – 11:00	Workshop Presentations <i>Select one of three</i>
11:15 – 12:15	Interactive Mini-Sessions
12:15 – 1:00	Lunch <i>(provided)</i>
1:00 – 2:30	Workshop Presentations <i>Select one of three</i>
2:45 – 3:15	Parent to Parent Networking
3:15 – 3:30	Door Prizes & Closing Remarks

Attendance is *free* for adoptive parents living in eligible counties,* but registration is required.

**Anson, Cumberland, Durham, Edgecombe, Franklin, Granville, Harnett, Hoke, Johnston, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Nash, Richmond, Scotland, Vance, Wake, Warren, Wayne, Wilson counties.*

Register online: <http://www.ccfhadoptionssupport.com/current-events/> or call Chaney Stokes at 919-385-0712



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