

**9:00 - 10:15 AM Keynote Speaker: April Dinwoodie : Openness in Adoption: What a Concept!**

Track	Room	Session I 10:45 – 11:45	Session II 12:15 – 1:15	Session III 1:45 – 2:45	Session IV 3:00 – 4:00	Session V 4:15 – 5:15
A		Successful Domestic Adoptions - Agency or Independent Placement <i>Michael Goldstein, Esq. Joy Goldstein, LCSW Laurie Goldheim, Esq. Michele Fried</i>	The Experience of Open Adoption – Panel Discussion <i>Dawn Smith-Pliner, Moderator</i>	Affording Adoption <i>Michele Fried Zachary Fried</i>	Understanding the Effects of Substance Abuse on the Health and Development of Adopted Children <i>Paul Lee, MD George Rogu, Md</i>	Medical and Developmental Issues for Adopted Children <i>Paul Lee, MD George Rogu MD</i>
B		Infertility to Adoption: The Journey <i>Anne Malave, Ph.D</i>	.Adult Adoptee Panel	Young Adult Adoptee Panel <i>Eileen Fitzgerald, Helen Pltkowsky Moderators</i>	Exploring Transracial Adoption - The Shift from Color Blind to Color Conscious <i>Michele Fried, Zachary Fried</i>	International Agency Panel
C		A Comprehensive Approach to Adoption Advertising <i>Joseph Driscoll</i>	Going from Match to Successful Placement – Panel Discussion	Infant Adoption: Is It Possible? Are They Healthy? <i>Shannon Boeheim, MSW Sue Reardon</i>	Adopting As A Single Parent: Domestic Adoption <i>Faith Getz Rousso Esq</i>	Speaking the Language of an Expectant Parent <i>Faith Getz Rousso, Esq Sue Shaw BS</i>
D		Foster Adoption 101 <i>Cliff Greenberg, Esq.</i>	Advertising for Independent Adoption on the Web: Where to Begin <i>Joseph Driscoll, Jeanine Castagna, Esq</i>	International Adoption Process and Paperwork <i>Heather Smith, MSW LMSW UCSIS &amp; State Dept.</i>	International Adoption: CDC Resources and Activities- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	
E		International Adoption 101 <i>Susan Orban USCIS &amp; State Dept.</i>	China Adoptions Today <i>Wendy Stanley, LMSW</i>	Positive Relationships with Birth Families Pre and Post Placement <i>Joy Goldstein LCSW</i>	Birthparent Panel <i>Joy Goldstein LCSW</i>	Are You Ready to Adopt? <i>Carolyn N. Berger, LCSW</i>
F		.Single Parent Adoption Panel	Talking to Your Child About Adoption - Infancy to Age 6 <i>Joni S. Mantell, LCSW</i>	Developmental Issues in Adoption: Ages and Stages 6 - 12 <i>Lisa Schuman, LCSW</i>	How to Handle Bumps on the Road to Adoption <i>Joni Mantell LCSW Lisa Schuman LCSW</i>	
G		Letting Go and Parenting <i>Dr. Jane Aronson, DO, FAAP</i>	Why Kids Do What They Do and When to Seek Professional Help? <i>Fadi Haddad MD</i>	Foster Adoption: What You Need to Know <i>Lisa Peck Goldberg, Esq, JD</i>	Crossing State Lines: The Issues and Realities of Domestic Adoption Placement <i>Rebecca Mendel Esq</i>	Transracial Adoption <i>Michael Goldstein LCSW Esq Joy Goldstein, LCSW Debbie Wolf, Esq</i>

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H		All Roads Lead to Home <i>Kathy Ann Brodsky LCSW</i>	The Adoption Home Study: A Positive and Informative Experience <i>Connie Mancini-Haack, LCSW</i>	The Adoption Home Study in New York and New Jersey <i>Kathy Ann Brodsky LCSW</i>	Successful Domestic Adoption: Agency vs Independent <i>Dawn Smith-Pliner Nina Rumbold, Esq. Denise Seidelman, Esq</i>	5 Questions You Wanted to Ask Your Attorney/Agency but Were Afraid to Ask. <i>Laurie Goldheim, Esq.,</i>
I		Creating Healthy Relationships with Birth Families: Perspectives from an Adoptive Family <i>Donna-Lou Fennema</i>	In Living Color: Becoming a Transracial Family <i>Jenna Smith, MSW</i>	Successful Independent Adoption 101 <i>Nina Rumbold, Esq. Denise Seidelman, Esq</i>	Hospital Protocol and Preparation for the Adoptive Family <i>Jeanine Castagna, Esq</i>	
J		Successful Independent Adoption <i>Jeanine Castagna, Esq</i>	Independent Adoption 101 <i>Michael S. Goldstein Esq</i>	Adoption from a Man's Point of View <i>Sam Wojnilower, LCSW</i>	Let's Talk About Adoption <i>Anne F Malave, PhD</i>	Toddler Adoption From South Africa <i>Talia Oren</i>
K		A Birthmother's Journey <i>Tara Gutterman, Esq Laura Hoffmann, LCSW</i>	Forming Healthy Partnerships with Your Child's School <i>Mike Berry</i>	Dual Tracking and U Turns: Pursuing Medical Treatment and Adoption at the Same Time <i>Joni S. Mantell LCSW</i>	Straight Talk: Talking to Kids About Tough Topics <i>Maris Blechner M Ed, LCSW</i>	Keeping Adoptive Families Strong <i>NY Council on Adoptable Children</i>
L		Why Traditional Parenting Does Not Work with Kids from Trauma <i>Mike Berry</i>	Building Your Adoption Team <i>Brian Esser, Esq. Leslie Zindulka, LCSW</i>	Creating Adoption Profiles: Advice from an Adoption Attorney <i>Rebecca Mendel, Esq</i>	How to Prepare for the NY and NJ Home Study Process <i>Karen Lanza, MA, LSCW Lorraine Kolankowski, LCSW</i>	NY Adoption Home Study: Your Next Step <i>Lori Kling, LCSW</i>
M		New Jersey Private and Identified Adoption <i>Jean M. Cavaliere, Esq. Christine Letizia</i>	NJ Adoptions: Navigating the System in Agency & Independent Adoptions <i>Debra Guston, Esq Lorraine Kolankowski, LCSW</i>	Setting Your Child Up for Success in School and in Life <i>John Ferrera, PhD</i>	How to Be Selected by Expectant Parents <i>Laurie Goldheim, Esq.</i>	
N		After Adoption: Services and Supports Available in the Tri State Area <i>Richard Heyl de Ortiz Pat O'Brien</i>	NY Domestic Adoption: Agency vs. Independent <i>Rebecca Mendel, Esq. Mia Diamond –Padwa,,LCSW</i>		The Journey to Parenthood: Issues for LGBTQ Families <i>Brian Esser, Esq Carolyn Berger, LCSW</i>	
O		Starting the Adoption Process...Certification is the First Step <i>Ellen Murphy-Keeley, LMSW Faith Getz-Rousso, Esq</i>	How to Plan and Protect Your Child's Future <i>Herb Pitkowsky, Esq.</i>			SUBJECT TO CHANGE

