



## 2023 TRAINING & SUPPORT GROUP CALENDAR

To Register for ANY training or support group go to: [c2adopt.eventbrite.com](https://c2adopt.eventbrite.com)

Please be sure to follow our social media ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#)) or check our website [www.c2adopt.org](http://www.c2adopt.org) for additional trainings and events that are scheduled throughout the year.

### CORE COMPETENCIES TRAINING

Families in the home study assessment process are required to attend orientation, training and complete the required readings before completing their home study assessment process. *If you are having a conflict with the timing or availability of the training you need, please talk with your adoption worker about additional options locally or online.*

Our trainings incorporate multiple modalities to include in-person, online, and self-study offerings. Clients of C2Adopt can attend training for free. We do also keep our trainings open for community members, professionals and families affiliated with other agencies. We ask that anyone who is not a C2Adopt client considers providing a donation through our website (<http://www.c2adopt.org>) that reflects the value you felt you received from training.

## FOR ALL CLIENTS

### ADOPTION PLACEMENT ORIENTATION

Orientation meetings are **free** and open to the public and required of families at the beginning of the home study process. Information will be shared about the advantages, risks and opportunities of adoption. C2Adopt provides home study services for families interested in infant adoption (Parental Placement) or adoption of older children through the United States foster care system (Waiting Child).

**Dates: 6:30-8:30pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays **IN PERSON**)**

January 12, 2023	July 13, 2023
March 9, 2023	September 14, 2023
May 11, 2023	November 9, 2023

**Placement Program Consultation** ~ In lieu of the above free group event, we also offer an individualized **one-on-one consultation** with our Executive Director to explore all options and orientation information. **There is a \$125/hour fee for this service.** Please email [rricardo@c2adopt.org](mailto:rricardo@c2adopt.org) to schedule.

### 7 CORE ISSUES OF ADOPTION

Information will be shared about the 7 Core Issues of Adoption, how to recognize and manage them and the importance of openness.

**Dates: 10a-1p (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays **IN PERSON**)**

January 14, 2023	July 8, 2023
April 8, 2023	October 14, 2023

### TALKING WITH YOUR CHILD ABOUT ADOPTION

Information and resources will be shared on how to address discussions with your child and others about adoption.

**Dates: 6:30-8:30p (1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays **IN PERSON**)**

February 2, 2023	August 3, 2023
April 6, 2023	October 5, 2023
June 1, 2023	December 7, 2023

### DISCUSSION GROUPS – APPLICATION OF LEARNING

Application of learning discussion groups are required of ALL clients planning to adopt. It is expected that they will attend AT LEAST one session during the home study assessment and training process and AT LEAST one session after placement has occurred during the supervisory period.

**Dates: 6:30-8:00pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays **VIA ZOOM**)**

February 15, 2023	June 14, 2023	October 11, 2023
April 12, 2023	August 9, 2023	December 13, 2023



The following are self-study trainings **REQUIRED FOR ALL C2Adopt ASSESSMENT CLIENTS**. Once you turn in the certificate of completion from Trauma & Trauma-informed care you will provided the Parenting with Attachment training.

**TRAUMA & TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE**

This is a webinar module training developed for FREE by Texas DFPS. EACH PARENT is required to take the course individually and submit the completion certificate to your home study worker.

[https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/training/trauma\\_informed\\_care/](https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/training/trauma_informed_care/)

**PARENTING WITH ATTACHMENT**

Once you have completed the Trauma training and submitted a certificate, your home study worker will email you the Parenting with Attachment training developed by C2Adopt.

Families adopting through the *INFANT PROGRAM* need to read:

[\*The Open-Hearted Way to Open Adoption: Helping Your Child Grow Up Whole by Lori Holden\*](#)

Families adopting through the *WAITING CHILD PROGRAM* need to read:

[\*Wounded Children, Healing Homes by Schooler, Keefer-Smalley & Callahan\*](#)

For all clients who want to explore adoption of a child of a different race, we recommend the online course: “**Conspicuous Families**” on Adoption Learning Partners [www.adoptionlearningpartners.org](http://www.adoptionlearningpartners.org). Families are responsible for the fee and receiving a certificate.

**FREE MONTHLY SUPPORT GROUPS**

**Birth Parent & Adult Adoptee Support Group**

This support group is **free** and available to any adult adoptee or any parent who has placed a child for adoption regardless of when, how or with another agency. It is also available to anyone contemplating adoption for their child to speak with others who have lived the experience. The group is led by a social worker, who is also a birth mother and an adoptee.

**Dates: 6:30-8:30p (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays **VIA ZOOM**)**

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| January 17, 2023  | July 18, 2023      |
| February 21, 2023 | August 15, 2023    |
| March 21, 2023    | September 19, 2023 |
| April 18, 2023    | October 17, 2023   |
| May 16, 2023      | November 21, 2023  |
| June 20, 2023     | December 19, 2023  |

**Adoptive Parent Support Group**

This group is offered to adoptive parents. The support group is **free** and informal. Families who attend the support group share a common bond of adoption and can share experience and advice with each other. Childcare is provided for those who may need it. This group is led by a social worker, who is also an adoptive parent.

**Dates: 6:00-7:30p (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays **IN PERSON**)**

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| January 10, 2023  | April 11, 2023 |
| February 14, 2023 | May 9, 2023    |
| March 14, 2023    | June 13, 2023  |