



2024 TRAINING & SUPPORT GROUP CALENDAR

To Register for ANY training or support group go to: c2adopt.eventbrite.com

Please be sure to follow our social media ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#)) or check our website 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 (2nd Thursdays **IN PERSON)**

January 11, 2024	July 11, 2024
March 14, 2024	September 5, 2024
May 9, 2024	November 14, 2024

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 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. **REQUIRED**

Dates: 10a-1p (2nd Saturdays **IN PERSON)**

January 13, 2024	July 13, 2024
March 9, 2024	September 14, 2024
May 11, 2024	November 9, 2024

TALKING WITH YOUR CHILD ABOUT ADOPTION

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

Dates: 6:30-8:30p (1st Thursdays **IN PERSON)**

February 1, 2024	August 1, 2024
April 4, 2024	October 3, 2024
June 6, 2024	December 5, 2024

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. **REQUIRED**

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

February 21, 2024	June 12, 2024	October 9, 2024
April 10, 2024	August 14, 2024	December 11, 2024



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 be provided the Parenting with Attachment self-study packet.

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/

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. 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/first mother and an adoptee. Contact Rebecca at rricardo@c2adopt.org to join.

Dates: 6:30-8:30p (3rd Tuesdays **HYBRID)**

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| January 16, 2024 | July 16, 2024 |
| February 20, 2024 | August 20, 2024 |
| March 19, 2024 | September 17, 2024 |
| April 16, 2024 | October 15, 2024 |
| May 21, 2024 | November 19, 2024 |
| June 18, 2024 | December 17, 2024 |

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. Registration is required and can be found on Eventbrite link.

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

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| January 9, 2024 | July 9, 2024 |
| February 13, 2024 | August 13, 2024 |
| March 12, 2024 | September 10, 2024 |
| April 9, 2024 | October 8, 2024 |
| May 14, 2024 | November 12, 2024 |
| June 11, 2024 | December 10, 2024 |