



2012 Adoption Education Schedule

P.R.I.D.E. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 (Pre-Service)

January 21, from 9a to 4p and January 22 from 9a to 4p (must attend both days)

PRIDE is a competency-based program which provides greater detail about the foster care system and the responsibilities of foster parents. Topics covered include: attachment and loss issues, discipline, effects of abuse and neglect, sexual abuse, and the effects of fostering and adopting on the family.

Pre-registration is required for this class. Free

P.R.I.D.E. 9

February 10, from 6p to 9p (must have attended P.R.I.D.E 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 previously)

This class is a continuation of the foster/adoptive parent training. Focus is on managing the fostering experience and will count towards the yearly training hours that families need.

Pre-registration is required for this class. Free

New Placement Steps-Now that you have a foster child what do you do?

February 23, from 7p to 9p

This class gives foster/adoptive parents ideas to ease the adjustment period for their family. Other topics covered will include: paperwork, working with schools, and how to deal with health issues.

Pre-registration is required for this class. Free for licensed foster parents. \$15 single/couple, pre-pay

Foster Parenting Partnership

March 29, 7p to 9p

This class will discuss ways for foster parents to form a strong partnership with their social worker.

Foster parents and social workers can form a strong team to work in the best interests of the foster child by understanding the role each party plays in the relationship. Pre-registration is required for this

class. Free for licensed foster parents. \$15 single/couple, pre-pay

Effective Discipline Methods for Foster Children

April 26, 7p to 9p

From teenagers to toddlers, foster children need know and obey the rules of the family. This class will share some ideas on working with all age groups in a consistent manner.

Pre-registration is required for this class. Free for licensed foster parents. \$15 single/couple, pre-pay

New Placement Steps-Now that you have a foster child what do you do?

May 10, from 7p to 9p

This class gives foster/adoptive parents ideas to ease the adjustment period for their family. Other topics covered will include: paperwork, working with schools, and how to deal with health issues.

Pre-registration is required for this class. Free for licensed foster parents. \$15 single/couple, pre-pay

On-going, Monthly Groups

Fabulous Foster Families Group

This is a new monthly support group for the foster families at HATW. Come and share your stories and your issues and let us help each other out. Facilitated by an experienced foster parent. Light refreshments and play room available for kids. This group counts for training hours! The group meets the third Thursday of every month from 7p to 9p. Free. Please call to register.

Adopting Older Kids (A-OK!) Group

Have you adopted a child over 2 years of age? Are you considering adopting an older child? This will be an ongoing, monthly group to discuss the issues involved in adopting domestic or international older children. Each month we will discuss a specific topic, share experiences and gather advice from others who have adopted older children. Group meets 2nd Friday of each month, from 630-830 p.m. Free. Please call to register.

LGBT Adoptive and Foster Parent Group

Families come in all shapes and sizes, and form in a variety of ways. More and more LGBT families are seeking adoption as a way to grow their families. This group is facilitated by James, a LGBT adoptive parent. As an adoptive parent and member of the LGBT community he understands the unique questions and concerns you may have. The group is a way for parent to meet with other LGBT parents whether you are exploring your options or are already a parent. Free. Please call to register.

Please pre-register for classes or info meeting at least one business day in advance. You may call or register for the class online at www.hatw.org! If no one registers, the class/info meeting may be canceled.

You can register online for all the classes and ongoing groups on our website at www.hatw.org

To register or for more information on any of the classes, groups, or meetings, call (734) 477-0135

It is best to register prior to the meeting or group.