Helping Adoptive Families With Difficult Conversations

Presenter
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Marie Dolfi has been providing services to individuals, groups and families for over 30 years. Her goal is to positively impact the lives of prospective adoptive parents, adoption constellation members, and expectant parents by providing education, counseling, and advocacy on adoption issues.

This workshop will look at how clinicians can help adoptive parents learn how to discuss difficult topics with their child in an age appropriate manner as well as help adopted adults prepare for difficult conversations they would like to have with their adoptive parents.

Learning Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Examine how society’s history of avoiding adoption issues is reflected in issues of open discussion today.
- Learn the developmental stages of adoption for an adopted person through a life cycle.
- Learn a framework and techniques for suggested conversations for helping adoptive parents discuss difficult birth family information with their child.
- Learn a framework and suggested conversations for adopted adults to talk about adoption issues with their parents.

Online registration is required for this event- go to https://goo.gl/TjbDrE to reserve your spot, as space is limited.
Cost: $40 ($20 for SSW field instructors).
This event is approved for 2 CE hours.

There are a limited number of scholarships for current SSW students and new social workers for this event. Please email if interested: ssweu@albany.edu

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