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FEE INFO*

Cost: Early bird price \$85 per person prior to February 15th

Registration received *after* February 15 will be charged \$100.

*Please plan ahead! Online registration closes March 6th. Cost for walk-in registrants (at the door) will be \$125.

Catered lunch is included in your registration.

Full/Partial Scholarships available for birth parents and other community members. Volunteer opportunities also available for community members. Inquire directly.

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Adoption: A Lifelong Journey



**A CONFERENCE FOR
BIRTHPARENTS, ADOPTIVE PARENTS,
ADOPTees, SIBLINGS, EXTENDED
FAMILY AND ADVOCATES.**

Saturday, March 9, 2013

8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Head-Royce School Campus
4315 Lincoln Avenue
Oakland, CA

6 continuing education credits (CEUs) are available.

Register today. Space is limited!



When an adoption takes place it affects a wide reaching collection of family members and loved ones. We will explore ways to honor individuals and the dynamic role each person plays in the lives of adopted children. In examining the lifelong journey of adoption we can recognize the joy and connection as well as the more difficult emotions of grief and/or loss. By coming together with this perspective, we can move forward to strengthen identity and self-esteem in the adopted child and each other.

This daylong conference will prove enlightening and informative if you are:

- A birth mother, or a member of a birth family by adoption;
- An adoptee or non-adopted sibling of an adoptee.
- An adoptive parent, or a person considering adoption;
- An educator, social worker, volunteer, counselor, or other individual engaged in working with families and individuals, and other family members/individuals touched by adoption.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

8:30 – 9:00 am	Registration
9:00 – 9:15 am	Welcome and Introductions
9:15 – 10:30 am	Joyce Maguire Pavao, Ed.D <i>How Many Families Does It Take To Make An Adoption?</i>
10:30 – 10:45 am	Morning Break
11:45 – 12:00 am	Brenda Romanchik, MSW <i>Building Respectful Relationships</i>
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch and affinity group discussions
1:15 – 4:30 pm	Afternoon Workshops Session I & II
4:30 – 5:00 pm	Closing Session

Afternoon workshop sessions will be facilitated by a distinguished list of local professionals and include our featured speakers. There will be sessions specifically for birth parents and all kinds of family formations including: those in open adoptions and closed, international adoptions and domestic placements (both infants and older children). Offerings will include opportunities for birth parents and adult adoptees along with adoptive parents, other extended family within the circle of adoption and special programming for professionals who work in the field.

WE WILL ADDRESS:

- Race and adoption;
- Birth mother needs over time;
- Siblings by/in adoption;
- Handling changes in the family constellation;
- The role of fathers (birth and adoptive);
- Pre-adoptive choices;
- Special topics for single parents, LGBTQ parents, adoptive parents of color;
- Transracial adoption;
- Adoption in schools;
- Technology/social media in adoption.

ABOUT THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AND MORNING PRESENTER



Joyce Maguire Pavao, Ed.D, is an adult adopted person who has been in reunion with her biological family for over 45 years. She is currently a Lecturer in Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and the Director of Riverside After Adoption

Consulting & Training (AACT) as well as Director of Pavao Consulting and Coaching. As the former Founder and CEO of Center for Family Connections in Boston/NY for twenty years, Joyce and her adoption-trained staff provided intergenerational, culturally sensitive, and systemic consulting and therapy to families touched by adoption, foster care, divorce and/or reproductive technologies. Joyce is a long time advocate for ethical adoption practice, and post-placement support of all members of the adoption community.



Brenda Romanchik, MSW, is a birth parent who placed her first child in an open adoption in 1984. She is currently working as the Clinical Coordinator for Care House in Mount Clemens, Michigan. She is the author of *Being a Birth Parent: Finding Our*

Place, Your Rights and Responsibilities: For Expectant Parents Exploring Adoption, among others. Brenda has been an outspoken advocate for open adoption and birth parent rights. Her work emphasizes child-centered placement processes that treat all family members with respect, and recognizes the responsibilities shared by all to support the adopted child. Brenda was the first birth parent to offer support retreats for birth parents, called Lifegivers Gatherings.

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