



## Adoption: A Lifelong Journey

The Third Annual Collaborative Conference  
Saturday, March 9, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM in Oakland, CA

### Affinity Focus Group Lunchtime Gatherings

We've added a series of informal "Affinity Focus Groups" which will be held during lunch, to create safe spaces where folks can enjoy shared experiences or interests. For some of these groups, (where designated), only those who are members of the group are invited to participate. Safe spaces will be created for the following communities which are marked "CLOSED," those who are not members of the group are asked to respect these spaces.

#### CLOSED Groups

- **Fathers, Adoptive and Birth** TBA
- **Adoptive Parents of Color** Rm. 202
- **LGBTQ Parents** Rm. 203
- **Adopted Adults** Rm. 205
- **Birth Parents** Rm. 206
- **Single Parents** Rm. 207

#### TRIAD Members-Only – CLOSED Group

- **Adoption Museum Project** Rm. 210  
The Adoption Museum Project is creating the first museum to explore the story of adoption. While the museum welcomes all people, this special session is for Triad members only. Learn about the museum vision and share your ideas for what should be represented in it. Triad Members is defined here as Birth/First Parents, Adoptive Parents and Adopted People.

#### OPEN Groups

- **Parents of Children with Learning Disabilities and ADD/ADHD** Rm. 201  
Share information, resources and create community with other parents and/or providers who are working with children with these diagnoses (or suspected diagnoses).
- **International Adopters** Middle School Office  
Join other international adopters to explore issues particular the experience including home country, travel and current issues regarding ethical conduct of child placement.
- **Adoption Connection** Community Room  
Learn more about Adoption Connection and/or connect with families who used the agency's services.
- **On Your Feet Foundation** Community Room  
Learn about the services and support we offer to birth parents of adopted children. All are welcome to hear more about our programs including peer support, mentoring, therapeutic retreats, and educational and counseling grants.
- **Pact, An Adoption Alliance** Community Room  
Learn more about Pact services including their life-altering weeklong summer camp for families with adopted children of color as well as other services including placement, education, support and community.
- **Adopt International** Community Room  
How do you decide on the right people to work with, and how do you determine who the right birth family is for you. Picture books and advertising varies from depending on the agency or attorney you choose. Cost and time frames will be discussed.