

## MODULE XII: POST ADOPTION ISSUES FOR FAMILIES

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### Note Taking Guide

At the end of this session, you will be able to:

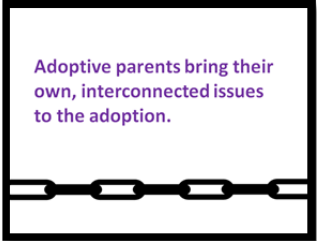
- Identify long-term issues impacting parents who adopt children from foster care
- Identify reasons why children need to understand their histories
- Explain different types of post adoption support for adoptive families

### Adoption Dynamics Impacting Families

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Adoption issues for parents include:

- Loss of the dream child
- Unmet expectations
- Infertility
- Feelings of failure and guilt
- Lack of entitlement
- Fear /threat from birth parents
- Isolation
- Control
- Overprotectiveness
- Sibling Issues



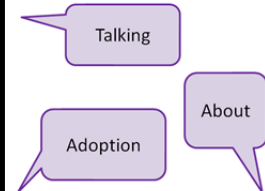
Adoptive parents bring their own, interconnected issues to the adoption.

### Talking About Adoption

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Adoption should be an open and comfortable topic from the time the child enters the home. All known information should be shared with a child before the child begins adolescence. When talking about adoption, parents should:

- Initiate the conversation
- Use proper terminology
- Repeat the information
- Avoid judgement







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### Individual Reflection

*Please take a few minutes to reflect on what you have learned in the Preservice training and how it applies to you. Give this sheet to the agency worker who is completing your homestudy.*

1. In your own words, explain the benefits of having openness in adoption.

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2. If you adopt, what types of post-adoption support do think you would find most helpful? Why?

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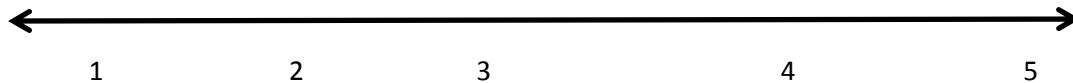
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1. Now that you have completed your Preservice training, please consider again your understanding of trauma-informed parenting. On a scale of 1-5 (with 1 being little understanding and 5 being full understanding), rate your current understanding of trauma-informed caregiving. Please explain your rating.



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## Ohio Child Welfare Training Program Preservice Module 12 Post Adoption Issues for Families

County where training was held: \_\_\_\_\_

Trainer: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete the survey and provide comments to help us improve this training.**

1. Long-term issues affecting parents who adopt children include (check all that apply):
  - Loss of the dream child
  - Lack of entitlement
  - Isolation
  
2. Children should be told about, and helped to understand, their histories.
  - True
  - False
  
3. Which of the following is not a post-adoption support service?
  - Training
  - Subsidy
  - Residential Care
  
4. Have you been completing the reflection sheets?
  - Yes
  - No
  - I have completed some of them.
  
5. If you have completed reflections sheets, have you shared them with your worker?
  - Yes, I have.
  - Not yet, but I plan to.
  - No, I do not plan to share them.
  
6. For some new caregivers, a few months will pass before a child is placed in their home. What can you do over those few months so that you remember and use the Preservice training information when a child is placed in your home? (please check all that you can do)
  - I will review Preservice information with my worker during Homestudy visits
  - I will write important points to remember down and tac it to a bulletin board
  - I will keep the Preservice handouts in a folder in my desk
  - I will share what I have learned with family members and close friends
  - I will talk with other foster parents about the information
  - I will review the OCWTP Website – Caregiver’s Corner - to keep current on foster parent issues
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for your feedback!*