

MODULE XII: POST ADOPTION ISSUES FOR FAMILIES

Note Taking Guide

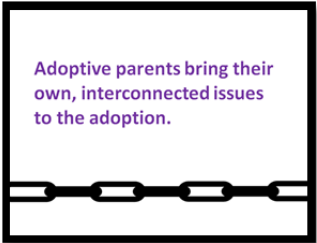
At the end of this session, you will be able to:

- 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

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

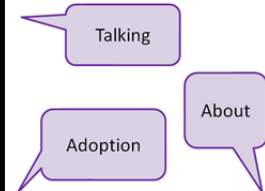


Adoptive parents bring their own, interconnected issues to the adoption.

Talking About Adoption

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.

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

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.

