

MODULE XII: POST ADOPTION ISSUES FOR FAMILIES

Note Taking Guide

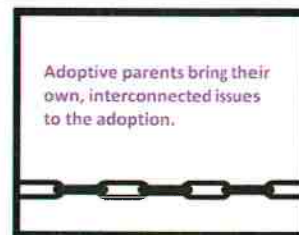
At the end of this session, you will be able to:

- 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:

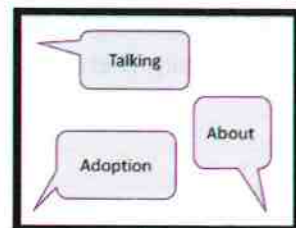
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of the dream child • Unmet expectations • Infertility • Feelings of failure and guilt • Lack of entitlement • Fear /threat from birth parents | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isolation • Control • Overprotectiveness • Sibling Issues |
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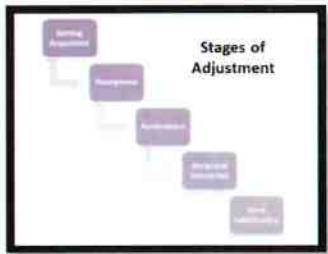
Talking About Adoption

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:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate the conversation • Use proper terminology • Repeat the information | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid judgement |
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Stages of Adjustment for New Adoptive Families



Post Adoption Services

Services should include:

- Education and training
- Family associations
- Support groups
- Crisis intervention
- Networking/mentoring
- Family Therapy
- Respite care
- Additional Information
- Adoption Subsidies



Openness in Adoption

Advantages of openness:

- Access to information
- Familiarity and normalcy
- Connection and belonging
- Additional support
- Greater understanding of child’s history



List three ways you will use the information from this training.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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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.



*If you would like to complete the Survey electronically,
please scan the QR code:*



County Where Training Occurred: _____ **Date of Training:** _____

1) Long-term issues affecting parents who adopt children include (check all that apply):

- Loss of dream child
- Lack of entitlement
- Isolation

2) Children should be told about, and helped to understand, their histories.

- True
- False

3) Please share two supportive services that adoptive parents may need after the adoption is finalized.

4) I am pursuing

- Foster care
- Foster care/Adoption dual licensure
- Adoption
- Kinship care
- Other: _____

5) I am attending training to fulfill a court order, so I can take guardianship or custody of a family member.

- Yes
- No

6) Do you plan to complete the reflection sheets? Please explain your response below.

- Yes
- No

Comments:

7) **Do you plan to share the reflection sheets with your worker? Please explain your response below.**

- Yes
- No

Comments:

8) **Please share any additional information you would like about this trainer or training below.**

9) **Is there any information you would like to share about *any other* Preservice session you have attended?**

10) **For some new caregivers, a few months will pass before a child is placed in their home. What will you do so that you remember and use the Preservice training information when a child is placed in your home? (please check *all* that you will 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 review the Preservice handouts, which I will keep accessible
- 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 bookmark and review the Caregiver's Corner on OCWTP.net to keep current on foster parent issues
- Other: _____

Please share your email address to receive follow-up communications regarding this training:

Thank you very much for sharing your insights!