

Adoption Rhode Island Presents

Adopt Hope - Professional Workshop and Discussion Series

Join us as we explore current issues and network with friends.

Where: Two Bradford Street, Providence RI

When: Four Thursdays, from 11:30-1:00pm.

Cost: \$20.00 per workshop

1.5 CEU's for social workers with advance registration

Light buffet lunch provided by ARI and local **Federal Hill** restaurants

April 1, 2010 - Sext-ing + Foster/Adopted teen = disaster! - RESCHEDULED FOR THURS., APRIL 29, 11:30-1:00PM

How do professionals stay current in the electronic age? Foster and adoptive families are desperate for our expertise while navigating these murky waters. Listening to a racy song on their iPod? Seeing an explicit text on their phone? Kids by nature need to stay connected to one another—yet it can be difficult for group homes and residential settings to give them these normative experiences. How do we give families hope and keep kids safe in the digital age?

Co-presenters: Pamela Lowell, Clinical Consultant ARI

Cynthia Pytel Student Intern Adoption Rhode Island

Sarah Martone Student Intern Adoption Rhode Island

June 24, 2010 - Managing Conflicting Values in the Adoptive/Foster Care Family

Brokering and negotiating between two (or more) sets of values is often a source of conflict within our families. Conflict can manifest in different (and interesting) ways depending on where the child is developmentally—and how the family responds. Techniques for de-escalating conflicts and calming anxiety in the system will be explored.

Presenter: Beth Capron, Recruitment and Matching ARI.

September 30, 2010 - Moving Children and Teenagers Toward Permanency

Disruption from foster care or adoption placements can feel like a failure for everyone in the system, but especially for the child involved. How do we help our clients cope with the pain of disruption, while at the same time learning from it, and offering hope for permanency? What are the red flags we need to be aware of in our journey towards permanency for our clients? What are some of the newer trends in permanency and adoption?

Presenter: Darlene Allen, Executive Director ARI

October 28, 2010 - Adopting Hope

"Compassion is hard because it requires the inner disposition to go with others to the place where they are weak, vulnerable, lonely, and broken. But this is not our spontaneous response to suffering. What we desire most is to do away with suffering by fleeing from it or finding a quick cure for it." - - Henri Nouwen

How do caregivers and providers stay grounded and generate hope when feeling overwhelmed and flooded by a system that many times appears broken and destined to harm the very population it was designated to help? Let's explore our personal responses and bias's towards the "system." Difficult case presentations are welcome so we can provide leadership to each other and inspire hope.

Presenter: Judith McSoley, Director, Development and Community Relations

Note: We expect these workshops to fill quickly.

Space is limited/ Advance Registration Required. Please feel free to post or forward this notice.



--- Please see reverse side for registration and payment information ---

Registration Form

Mail form with Payment (20.00 per workshop) to:
Adoption Rhode Island, Two Bradford Street
Providence RI 02903

Further information contact Pamela Lowell: plowell@adoptionri.org or call 401-865-6000

- April 1 SEXT-ING and the Adopted/Foster Teen
- June 24 Managing Conflicting Values
- Sept 30 Permanency for Children and Teens
- Oct. 28 Adopting Hope

Please register me for the above workshops. I have enclosed \$20.00 per workshop. Or \$70.00 for all four sessions.

I am interested in Social Work C.E.U.'s 1.5 per session

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

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OUR PRESENTERS:

Darlene Allen, MS is the executive Director of Adoption Rhode Island.

For more than 25 years, Darlene has worked in public and private organizations to provide services to promote, safety, stability and permanency for children

Beth Capron has been an Adoption and Permanency Coordinator at Adoption Rhode Island for nine years, and is currently a MSW graduate student at Rhode Island College. Her role has included working closely with DCYF and community providers, and supporting waiting and adoptive families throughout the adoption process.

Pamela Lowell, MSW, LICSW is in private practice in Barrington RI and a clinical consultant for ARI. She is also the author of *Returnable Girl*, and *Spotting for Nellie*, young adult novels. She will be co-presenting all workshops so that participants can receive CEU's.

Judith McSoley For the past 20 years, Judith has worked with children and families in a variety of different capacities. She is currently the Director of Development and Community Relations at Adoption Rhode Island, and coordinates the Heart Gallery.

STUDENT INTERN PRESENTERS **Sarah Martone** is currently a senior at the University of Rhode Island studying Human Development and Family Studies. **Cynthia Pytel** is a senior at Plymouth State University working towards graduating in May 2010 with a Bachelor's degree in Social Work.