

ACONE-RI  
and  
Adoption Rhode Island

presents

*Teen Connections:  
My Family, My  
World, My Self*

a Conference for Foster and  
Adopted Teens and Parents

Saturday, May 22nd  
11:00am - 2:30pm  
Registration 10:30am

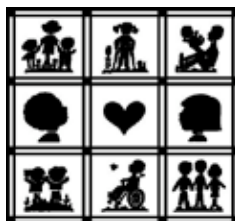
at

Adoption Rhode Island  
Two Bradford Street  
Providence, RI 02903

The Teen Connections Conference is a  
collaboration between ACONe-RI and  
Adoption Rhode Island.

Adoption Community of New England,  
Inc. (ACONE) is a non-profit organization  
whose mission is to provide resources  
and support for those living with or  
considering creating their families through  
adoption. ACONe was incorporated  
in 1967 as the Open Door Society of  
Massachusetts, Inc. The Ocean State  
Chapter of ACONe connects Rhode Island  
adoptive families through friendship,  
service and education. For information on  
ACONE and its programs, visit  
[www.adoptioncommunityofne.org](http://www.adoptioncommunityofne.org).

Adoption Rhode Island is a private non-  
profit agency dedicated to finding families  
for children in state care and supporting  
those children and families throughout  
the adoption process. We also provide  
child, youth and family support services,  
education, training, advocacy, and referrals.  
For information about Adoption Rhode  
Island and how you can help make a  
difference in the life of a child, visit  
[www.adoptionri.org](http://www.adoptionri.org).



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Adoption Rhode Island

Teen Conference Registration Form  
May 22, 2010  
11:00am - 2:30pm

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Teen Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please indicate:

Adoptive  Foster  Other

Note: All teens must have an adult present for  
the entire event.

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to ACONe-RI

\*Scholarships Available

**Mail to:**

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Please contact ACONe RI Chapter President,  
Wendy Lobato with questions.

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Join us for this powerful workshop as industry professionals join us for a day of reflection, introspection and sharing.

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Being held at  
**Adoption Rhode Island**  
Two Bradford Street - Providence, RI  
401-865-6000

### Conference Basics:

- Open to foster and adopted teens ages 12 and over
- Includes sessions for parents
- \$15 per family\*
- Lunch will be provided
- Fun activities for teens
- Additional details or to register, contact Wendy Lobato, (401) 732-2194 or email WL0704@yahoo.com

Workshop underwritten with proceeds from the Annual Costume Bazaar hosted by ACONE-RI.

### Featured Speakers

#### Lorial Crowder, MSW

Lorial Crowder has embraced her fate as an adopted person, which ultimately fueled her desire to learn every aspect about her Filipino roots. Born in Olongapo City, she joined her American family at the tender age of 5 and was always aware of her adoption. In 2005 she Co-Founded the Filipino Adoptees Network to ensure that fellow adopted people have an appreciation of our mother culture and heritage of the Philippines. She has a Master in Social Work from Hunter College, specializing in Community Organizing and Planning. She is currently the Co-director of the Filipino Heritage Camp in Winter Park, Colorado.



#### Jeffrey LaCure, M.S.W., LICSW Psy.D

Jeff is a clinical social worker who has worked in adoption for almost 25 years. He has presented workshops and trainings across the country and is a nationally recognized author, clinician and educator. Jeff is the author of ADOPTED

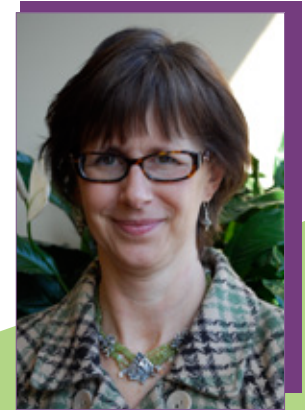


LIKE ME, "Remembering: Reflections of Growing Up Adopted," and Co-author of "Raising Our Children's Children." He is presently completing his soon to be published book: "Raising Adopted Teens: Answers To Questions All Parents Have." Jeff is the father of 4 children, coach and adoptee.

#### Pamela Lowell, LICSW, BCD

*Workshop: The Perfect Storm: Weathering the Turbulent Adolescent Years With Your Foster or Adopted Teen.*

*Parenting tips on how to listen to the emerging issues of your teens and how parents can maintain a calm/safe haven, promote healthy relationships and transition them into young adulthood.*



Pamela Lowell is a licensed clinical social worker with over twenty years of experience in counseling adolescents and their families. She has worked at residential treatment centers, schools, mental health clinics and currently is in private practice. In 2008, she received a Community Partner award from Adoption Rhode Island, and now serves as a clinical consultant for their staff. Pamela is also the author of Spotting for Nellie, and Returnable Girl, (Marshall Cavendish 2006) a popular paperback for 2010 and her award-winning young-adult novel about a teen in foster care who must choose between the woman who wants to adopt her and the mother who abandoned her amidst the drama of middle school.

