

Adoption Readiness

Frequently Asked Questions

1. ***What types of Adoption does the Adoption Readiness class prepare us for?*** The Adoption Readiness class is designed to prepare parents for both general and common issues of all types of adoption whether a family is built through private, international, domestic, open, confidential, agency or attorney assisted adoption
2. ***Does the Adoption Readiness class meet pre-adoption parent training requirements?*** Yes. This class meets the requirements for pre-adoption training set by The Hague for International Adoption and those specified by the State of Oregon.
3. ***Is there anything this class does not cover?*** The class does not cover information about the adoption process, country specific or child specific information, legal requirements and paperwork, or Immigration requirements. For information or questions about these issues parents are referred to their attorney or agency.
4. ***Who teaches the Adoption Readiness class?*** The class is taught by **Mina Bacigalupi**, RN, CCRN and **Nina Yates M.S.** Mina is a co-founder of Adoption Mosaic and has served on the board of directors. She is a pediatric nurse and has worked and volunteered in the field of adoption for over twelve years. Mina is an adoptive mother of two adopted children, a daughter born in China and a son born in Portland. **Nina Yates** holds a Masters in Counseling from Portland State University and is a member of the American Mental Health Counselors Association. Nina is also adopted herself. She has been reunited with her birth family for over 15 years.
5. ***Is the resource book, provided to the class available for purchase?*** No, Adoption Mosaic has obtained special permission from the authors to use their articles and is not permitted to sell them. This resource has been prepared specifically for class participants and contains a collection of articles written by professionals on a variety of adoption topics (included are recommended books and web sites).
6. ***Why should I take this class instead of an on-line course?*** There are many reasons an in person class from Adoption Mosaic is preferred over an on-line course. The Adoption Readiness class is guaranteed to meet the educational requirements from the State of Oregon and the Hague and more. Adoption Mosaic believes that the challenges and joys of adoptive parenting are a life long adventure. Adoptive parents have enjoyed engaging in dialogs with others and this enhances their understanding and learning. The ability to ask questions and discuss issues in a non-threatening, non-judgmental, confidential environment is invaluable. This class connects parents to the adoption community and all of the resources that Adoption Mosaic offers (classes, groups, newsletter...). This class is also very personal, as Mina and Nina share their life experiences as members of the adoption constellation. You will also be able to meet and network with other adoptive parents. Many friendships have been founded in Adoption Mosaic's classes.
7. ***We haven't decided which type of adoption to pursue, should we wait to take this class?*** Probably, not. Adoptive Parents need to have 6 hours of pre-adoptive parent education before their homestudy is completed. Once parents begin the paper chase to adoption they are happy they have already completed this requirement. Some parents also find the information from this class and networking with other parents is helpful in making their decisions.
8. ***What other resources does Adoption Mosaic have?*** Adoption Mosaic offers a large array of classes for adoptive parents as they pursue the lifelong adventure of being an adoptive family. Classes that may be of particular interest to adoptive parents include *Transracial Adoption Series*, *What and When- Talking to Your Child About Adoption*, *Strengthening Attachment With Your Child*, and *Being a Family- Adjusting to Life After the Orphanage*. Adoption Mosaic also offers Children's Activity Groups, Movie Groups, a Newsletter, on-line blogs and more. Check out the website at www.adoptionmosaic.org
9. ***Who pays for this class?*** Adoptive parents generally pay for this class.
10. ***Is the class tax deductible?*** This class qualifies as an adoption expense and may be eligible for a tax credit. For more information about your eligibility for this tax credit contact a tax professional.
11. ***Is childcare available?*** No. Unfortunately, Adoption Mosaic is unable to provide childcare at this time.
12. ***How can I find out more about the Adoption Readiness class?*** Please feel free to contact us with any questions at info@adoptionmosaic.org 971.533.0102