

"I feel much more prepared. Anyone adopting should take this class"



ADOPTION READINESS Preparatory Classes for Adoptive Parents

Successful adoptive parenting comes from being fully prepared. This comprehensive 10 hour class provides participants with the tools and resources for the lifelong adventure of being an adoptive family.

This class will include:

- What adoptees wish their parents knew
- Domestic and International adoption
- The effects of neglect, trauma and abuse
- Transitioning from foster care and/or orphanage life
- How adoptive parenting is different
- New paradigms - Why "time out " is not a good idea
- Culture and race in adoption
- The attachment process, parental claiming and bonding
- Integrating birth and adoptive families
- Telling your adoption story, What to say, When to say it
- Meets Hague and State of Oregon requirements

Here are some comments about this class from past participants:

- *Thank you for a safe environment to share our excitement and our fears.*
- *Very, very eye-opening, and very positive too.*
- *I liked all the first hand information we got from real experience.*
- *This made me see the adoption process through my child's eyes.*

Cost: \$250 per family for the series (singles are encouraged to bring a support person)

Presenters:

Mina Bacigalupi, a co-founder of Adoption Mosaic and a pediatric nurse, has worked and volunteered in the field of adoption for over twelve years. She and her husband adopted their daughter from China and their son domestically.

Nina Yates – Nina is a relationship and adoption counselor and a former board member of Adoption Mosaic. She was adopted as an infant and has known her birth family for over seventeen years.

Registration is required. Please complete registration form on Adoption Mosaic's website www.adoptionmosaic.org and send an email to info@adoptionmosaic.org with notice of your intent to attend this class or for any questions.

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Why Mosaic? Like adoption, a mosaic is a picture created of bits and pieces. The spaces between remind us that each piece has a history of its own.