

Open Adoption & Family Services
Pre-Adoption Training Course
 For Domestic Adoption

- Meets the State of Oregon’s pre-adoption education requirements for prospective adoptive parents who are completing homestudies and plan to adopt domestically.
- Includes a special focus on cultivating openness in your adoption, based on our expertise as the leader in open adoption in the Pacific Northwest.
- Offered every other month – always on a Saturday.
- Married couples, same sex couples, and single people welcome.
- Cost: \$225 per couple (if you are adopting as a single parent, you’re welcome to bring a support person at no additional charge).

<u>DATES</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 21 • October 23 <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">Please call to register: (503) 226-4870</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (one-hour lunch break) • Six hours of in-class time • Four hours of take-home materials 	<p>Open Adoption & Family Services 5200 SW Macadam Ave., Suite 250, Portland, OR 97239</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">Registration required prior to attending.</p>

By exploring adoption through the eyes of adoptees, birthparents and adoptive parents, you will be better equipped with insights and knowledge that will ultimately enhance your adoption experience. Topics covered in our course include:

- An in-depth look at open adoption, that is characterized by an ongoing relationship with the birthparent(s)
- Healthy parent-child attachment
- Transracial adoption
- Factors to consider regarding the age of the child you adopt (specific to newborn to age 6)
- Exploring the potential impact of risks, such as drug and alcohol exposure or history of trauma/neglect
- Talking to your child about adoption; understanding the developmental process of adopted children

“This course was profoundly helpful for me. I feel like I have a better understanding of open adoption from all angles and feel very comfortable that this is the right thing for us.” –
Attendee of OA&FS Course

“The day was full of so much thought provoking information, wonderful bonding, and encouraging insight. I am so thankful this course was offered and feel I will be a better adoptive parent for it.” – **OA&FS Course Attendee**

To register, call Lori Maas at 503-226-4870.
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