



OPEN ADOPTION & FAMILY SERVICES

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TOPIC

**Open Adoption as an Alternative to
Foster Care and State Adoption**

DATE/TIME

Wed., January 13, 12–1:00 pm

*Webinars are 45 minutes followed
by a 15 minute Q&A.*

CREATED FOR

**CPS, DHS and Self-Sufficiency
Caseworkers and Supervisors**

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Free Webinar Series for OR DHS, CPS and Self-Sufficiency



This webinar was created for our collaboration with DHS. It outlines a way to provide moms who are at risk of state intervention an empowering alternative to foster care and state adoption for children ages 0-3. At OA&FS, she can create an open adoption in which she chooses, meets and forms an ongoing extended family relationship with the adoptive parents. In our high-integrity adoptions, family preservation is achieved by adding family and support. We provide lifelong services, including counseling and relationship guidance.

We'll also address:

- **Culturally Responsive Services**
- **Adoption Sensitive Language**
- **Dispelling Common Misconceptions**
- **Trauma-Informed Open Adoption**
- **Birthfather Considerations**
- **Domestic Violence and Pregnancy**
- **ICWA (Indian Child Welfare Act)**

Our webinars are engaging and interactive. They include videos of real people living open adoptions, plus a new video of CPS worker Nicole Tucker, who talks about her experience in referring a mom to OA&FS.

ABOUT OUR COLLABORATION WITH DHS.

Through our work with Lacey Andresen, the DHS Child Welfare Deputy of Programs, and Kim Keller, the Child Permanency Program Manager, we've trained over 1,300 CPS, DHS and Self-Sufficiency staff and supervisors throughout the state. [Register here](#) to add your team for the next live webinar. Also, we're happy to host a webinar at your staff meeting if that's more convenient for you.



HOW TO CONNECT WITH OA&FS.

Reach out to our counselors to discuss a case, ask process questions or make a referral.



Call **1-800-772-1115**. We have Masters-level counselors available to assist you 24/7.



To order materials or schedule a training you can also [fill out our online form](#).



Email us at info@openadopt.org.



Not sure where to begin? Contact OA&FS Executive Director Shari Levine at 1-800-772-1115, shari@openadopt.org.

Visit our website's [child welfare support page](#) to:

- ✓ **Access a live or recorded webinar.** We're also happy to host a webinar at your staff meeting.
- ✓ **Learn about our alternative to state adoption.** This option is for moms who are at risk of state intervention. Watch our [new video of CPS worker Nicole Tucker](#) who talks about referring a mom to OA&FS.
- ✓ **Review OA&FS Services and Process.** You'll find info about our [all-options pregnancy counseling](#) for expectant parents and our high-integrity [open adoption services](#). Watch birthmother Katelyn's story of placing her son 18 years ago and the amazing relationships that have been created as a result.
- ✓ **View videos.** [Kids of open adoption](#) speak about their experiences, plus you'll find other [open adoption stories](#) from all perspectives.
- ✓ **Order free brochures and materials.** These provide information for expectant parents who are exploring their pregnancy options and seeking open adoption services. To order, contact us or [fill out this online order form](#).
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