



## The Power of Choice

### Bringing Open Adoption into All-Options Counseling

#### Webinar Series Outline

#### Series Description:

This three-part series will provide participants with a holistic and trauma-informed approach to all options counseling. Participants will cultivate the skills needed to provide accurate information and referrals for all pregnancy options with a focus on open adoption.

#### Webinar One

#### Adoption: Exploring Values and Spotting Biases

Topic	Topic Details	Time
Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome</li> <li>Webinar Objectives</li> </ul>	5 minutes
Values Exploration on a Personal and Professional Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Values Exercise</li> </ul>	5 minutes
Why Don't People Talk About Adoption?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief History of Adoption</li> <li>Shame and Secrecy</li> </ul>	5 minutes
Types of Adoption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agency Adoption</li> <li>Attorney Adoption</li> <li>Adoption Facilitators</li> <li>International Adoption</li> <li>State Adoption</li> <li>Open Adoption vs Closed Adoption</li> </ul>	5 minutes
Dispelling Common Misconceptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adoption Stereotypes</li> <li>Stigmas Associated with Adoption</li> <li>Who are Birth Parents?</li> <li>Reasons Why People Plan Adoptions</li> <li>Who are Adoptive Parents?</li> <li>Reasons Why People Adopt</li> <li>Who are Adopted People?</li> </ul>	20 minutes
Culturally Responsive Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Honoring Culture and Heritage</li> </ul>	5 minutes
Adoption Sensitive Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Empowering versus Disempowering</li> <li>Gender Neutral Language</li> </ul>	5 minutes
Reflection and Closing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Best Practices</li> <li>Key Takeaways</li> <li>Q &amp; A</li> </ul>	10 minutes
<b>Total Time</b>		<b>1 hour</b>