

Creating Kin: Forever Families through Adoption

Adoption Resource Network at Hillside Children's Center celebrates National Adoption Month with "Creating Kin" Week. For more than 100 years, Hillside has been helping families create kin through adoption. We will celebrate adoption with a variety of events including:

Creating Kin: Options in Building Forever Family Through Adoption Information Meeting

Monday, November 9, 2009

Adoption Resource Network at Hillside

100 Metro Park, Rochester

6:00 -8:00 p.m.

Free

Join us to learn about the options in adoption: International, Domestic Infant, and Waiting Child adoption. We will explain the process, debunk the myths, and hold your hand through decision-making and along the road to parenting.

Creating Kin: Building Your Forever Family Through Adoption Open House

Wednesday, November 11, 2009

Adoption Resource Network at Hillside

100 Metro Park, Rochester

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Free

Stop in to visit Adoption Services at Hillside Children's Center to explore options in adoption with our Adoption Social Workers and Permanency Specialists. We will spend as much time as you need talking about the process, the children and the unique experiences of becoming an adoptive family. We will provide refreshments for your enjoyment, as well!

Creating Kin: Celebrating Adoptive Families

Thursday, November 12, 2009

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Free

Families are welcome to celebrate homecomings and adoption finalizations of children who have been adopted through any of Hillside Children's Center's adoption programs. A dinner buffet and refreshments will be served.

Creating Kin: A Professional Development Seminar The Impact of Transracial/Transcultural Placements in Adoption & Foster Care

Friday, November 13, 2009

Lodge at Buckland Park

1341 Westfall Road, Brighton, NY

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

\$15 per person for lunch and refreshments

Children placed in foster homes and with adoptive families face many challenges and new family dynamics to negotiate. Each family has its own "culture" regardless of race, ethnicity, religious practice and lifestyle. This workshop will explore the impact of the transition into a new home for all youth in care, with a special focus on the impact of transracial/transcultural placement.

Saturday, November 14: 18th Annual Conference Adoption Resource Network at Hillside Children's Center

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Bay Trail Middle School

1760 Scribner Road

Penfield, NY 14526

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

\$65 per person

Hillside staff are invited to attend free of charge.

Scholarships and partial fee waivers are available to families upon request.

A day rich in resources, this conference is designed for those considering creating kin and forever families through adoption. Spend the day exploring options in adoption, openness in adoption, the unique challenges of parenting children by adoption, the difficulty of making the decision to place a baby for adoption, and the lifelong issues of the adopted individual. Our nationally renowned speakers will share their expertise and personal experiences; exhibitors include agencies, attorneys, and other adoption service providers ready to answer your questions and help you decide on your next steps.

This year's conference will also provide an opportunity for families to meet youth who are freed for adoption and in need of a forever family. The youth will assist with conference registration, book sales, and lunch monitoring, as well as share their stories on a panel facilitated by Rita Sorenen.

For details and registration for any of the above events contact:

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