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Looking Back To Move Forward

The Philadelphia Department of Human Services

presents

The 8th Annual Adoption/Permanency Conference

November 14, 2009

Hosted by: Together as Adoptive Parents (TAP) Inc.

at

**Deliverance Evangelistic Church
2001 West Lehigh Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19132**

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A Conference For Adoptive, Foster & Kinship Families

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Location

The conference will be held at **Deliverance Evangelistic Church, 2001 W. Lehigh Ave. Philadelphia, PA. 19132.** Ample free parking is available.

Registration and Fees

The fee for the conference is \$20 per person, if received by November 2nd deadline (after November 2nd the cost is \$25). Fee includes a continental breakfast, all materials, and lunch. Space is limited, so please register early!

Child-care is available during the conference, but will be provided on a first come - first served basis. **CHILD CARE IS FREE!** However, it is limited to **75** children ages **5-16**.

Please complete the attached registration form, along with a check or money order for the conference fee. Mail it to TAP, 478 Moyer Rd, Harleysville, PA 19438-2302, by November 2nd. If you have questions please call the TAP office at 215-256-0669.

Conference Agenda

- 8:00 Registration/Continental Break fast
- 9:00 Keynote Address
- 11:00 Session A Workshops
- 12:30 Lunch



- 1:30 Session B Workshops

Keynote Address

Presenter: *Claudia Fletcher B.A., M.Ed.*



Adoptive mom of 12 children ages 10 to 22 years, author of *Out of Many, One Family*, powerful speaker, former college administrator, current foster care/adoption worker and matching specialist. Claudia spreads the message of hope and perseverance! Whether speaking to adoptive parents, or addressing social workers about barriers to permanency, Claudia's intensity and her sense of urgency are apparent.

Claudia and her husband Bart have learned to remove themselves emotionally from stressful situations in order to parent with a sense of humor.

Claudia and Bart are each committed to empowering parents to parent in extraordinary circumstances. They have formed a company, 3rd Degree Parenting, which encourages parents to share their stories.

Claudia speaks her heart when she says "No child is unadoptable—regardless of their history or issues".

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Workshops

Session A (11:00—12:30 pm)

1 Trauma and The Children

*Presenters: Cindy Laufman Walker, MSW,
LSW, Sr. Post-Perm TA, SWAN

Kim Deiter, MSW, LSW, Training
Specialist, PA Child Welfare*

Children from the child welfare system have suffered much trauma during their short lives. This workshop will present information regarding the behaviors children exhibit relating to trauma and ways for families to help the children deal and work through trauma.

2 One Life One Chance The Fight for Our Children, Against Prescription and OTC Drug Abuse This workshop is for parents and their teens.

*Presenter: Justina McIntyre,
Co-Founder of One Life One Chance*

This work shop will inform parents and young people of the dangers and the signs of prescription & OTC drug abuse. Come to hear an ICU doctors perspective on this epidemic, a mothers pain of losing her son to prescription drug abuse & a young mans own struggles with abuse.

3 Suspected Child Abuse in Resource Family Homes

*Presenters: Mark I. Davis, Supervisor
PA Department of Public Welfare, OCY&F

Sherri L. Irvis-Hill, M.A., Supervisor
PA Department of Public Welfare, OCY&F*

The workshop will review the elements of child abuse and categories and indicators of abuse. It will provide an overview of mandated reporting obligations and outline physical and behavioral indicators. The workshop will also include the most recent changes to the Child Protective Services Law.

Workshops

Session B (1:30—3:00 pm)

1 Families with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASDs)

*Presenter: Alicia Bashian, MSW, LCSW, The
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia FASDs
Diagnostic Clinic*

Helping those prenatally exposed to alcohol; what to look for; how to get evaluated; and what helps families most.

2 How to Plan and Pay for the Cost of Higher Education

*Presenter: Cheryl Browning, Regional Director,
PHEAA*

This workshop will educate participants on how to apply for and the source/types of financial aid available to help Pennsylvania students plan and pay for the cost of higher education.

3 At The End of The Rainbow



*Presenter: Joshua Stevens, former foster child
and adoptee*

This workshop will look at one young man's adoption journey. He was born addicted to cocaine and placed in foster care at birth. His birth mother never returned to see him but he always knew in his heart that she loved him. Joshua will take you on his life's journey and what he found when he finally searched for his birth mother.

Joshua's adopted mom will also share the feelings and emotions that overtook her once she heard that her son had searched and found his birth mom.

Registration Form

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Please make all checks payable to: TAP Inc.

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If Child Care is needed, please list child(ren) name(s) and age(s) :

Workshop Selections

(please circle one number per session)

Session A — 11:00-12:30 am

1 2 3

Session B — 1:30 - 3:00 pm

1 2 3

Name & Address (Please Print)

Name

Street Address

City/State/Zip

Home Phone Cell Phone

Email (please print clearly).

Type of Attendee

- Adoptive Parent Prospective Adoptive Parent Foster Parent Professional
 Kinship Care provider Other _____

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