



Strengthening Adoptive Family Ties!

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Mini-Fair of Adoption Services for National Adoption Awareness Month

For over two decades, November has been celebrated as National Adoption Month across the country. The original intent was to promote the need of children in foster care for adoptive families, however more recently the month is recognized as Adoption Awareness Month in recognition of the many facets of adoptions. Prominently among these, adoptive family's need for resources and support after they adopt. *Parents and caregivers want to know where to go to find professional*

COFAF Go Fund Me Campaign!

www.gofundme.com/cofaf

Did you know that the last few months of the year are called *The Giving Season* for the nonprofit community? The Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University found their respondents reported giving about 24 percent of their annual total between *Thanksgiving and New Year's Day*. This year when you plan your charitable giving we hope you will consider COFAF. **COFAF is a 100% volunteer organization that puts every penny toward education,**

services that support their families. In response to this need COFAF on November 17, 2016 will host “***Touched By Adoption***” a mini-fair of adoption-focused services. The mini-fair will allow adoptive families and prospective families to meet and talk to some of the professionals providing services that can support their families. Scroll down to see a full list of the “Touched By Adoption” mini-fair participants.

VOLUNTEER!

COFAF-the **only** post adoption services program in Central Ohio is run 100% by volunteers and we can always use more help. If you have time to contribute to building a center for adoptive families contact Deborah at COFAF4u@gmail.com

COFAF at the Worthington Farmer’s Market November 19th

In recognition of National Adoption Awareness Month, on November 19th, **COFAF will have a table at the Worthington Farmer’s Market-** one of the largest farmer’s markets in Central Ohio. The market has fabulous vendors and should be a lot of fun right before the holiday. **Come see us from 9am – 12pm and pickup a new**

resources, and support for adoptive families.

Thanks to Gayle Miller, Ellen Seibert, Mary and Bill Dinasky, Alison Rooney, Michael and Sandy Weiss. Lisa Kliner, and Kathrine McManus who all donated in October to our GoFundMe campaign.

Your donations are tax deductible and can be made at

www.gofundme/cofaf.com or on our web page

www.coalitionofadoptivefamilies.org.

Thanks!

Coalition of Adoptive Families on You Tube!

Explaining what it feels like to be an adoptee and an adoptive parent—why it can be so hard—and why it matters—is strikingly illustrated through six videos we have created to raise awareness and funds. If you are anyone touched by adoption, these short videos go right to the heart of the adoption experience. If you are a family created through domestic or international adoption, the videos make clear that many of the experiences are the same. The Coalition of Adoptive Families supports all adoptive families. Check them out on You Tube under *Coalition of Adoptive Families* and **SPREAD THE WORD!**

COFAF T-shirt!

The farmers market is located in The Shops at Worthington Place, 7227 North High Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085

T-SHIRTS!

We often hear from families—*I didn't know you had programs for adoptive families—I wish we had known sooner!* It's hard to spread the word that COFAF is here to support adoptive families—but you can help while donating to your organization—buy a COFAF T-Shirt! We'll have them at the Mini-Fair and the Worthington Farmer's Market or contact us at COFAF4u@gmail.com. All proceeds go to COFAF programming!



Touched By Adoption Mini-Fair Participants

A Circle of Attachment

A Circle of Attachment offers a number of services including Neurofeedback. Neurofeedback protocols help regions of the brain to communicate more effectively in order to enhance better overall processing in treatment and functioning within the family. Assessments, Counseling Sessions, and an Intensive Outpatient Program are also offered.

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Family Youth and Law Center (FYLaw)

FYLaw provides various services throughout the community. In addition to the information listed below, FYLaw responds to various inquiries from the community and provides linkages to various community resources.

The **Adoption Academy** is presented by FYLaw and Nationwide Children's Hospital. This is an 8 week course that offers prospective adoptive parents educational programs from an objective source. The goal of the Adoption Academy is to bring information together in a comprehensive and sensitive manner to help prospective adoptive families make informed

Family Attachment and Trauma Center

The Family Attachment and Trauma Center provides an array of outpatient services tailored to each family's specific needs. Services include pre and post adoption parent consultation, trauma focused therapy, attachment therapy, parent support, and sibling assessments. Treatment is designed around the needs of each family. Parents are involved in all phases of the treatment process.

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Home Remedy, LLC

Home Remedy is the first family-preservation program in the private sector, using locally-based therapists, and designed exclusively for families who have exhausted all local treatment options. We provide intensive, in-home therapeutic services that strengthen families, empower parents, decrease difficult and negative behaviors of children, and improve family relationships. We are an effective alternative for families with children and young adults who have found limited relief from traditional therapies or are considering out of home placement.

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Midwest Educational Therapists & Associates

Midwest Educational Therapists and Associates'

choices, and is meant to be an introduction to the choices prospective adoptive parents may have.

The Family and Youth Advocacy Center (FYAC) is staffed by Capital University and Capital Law School faculty and staff and law and social work students. FYAC meets the critical legal and social needs of youth who have been in foster care and/or the juvenile justice system, many of whom has been the victims of abuse or neglect, or are homeless, or are crime victims. FYAC offers free holistic assessments, resources, counseling, referrals, and service linkages in a multidisciplinary clinical setting. These services are aimed at addressing barriers that youth and young encounter as they move into independent living, such as preparation of health care powers of attorney and testamentary provisions; juvenile and adult records sealing and expungement; foster care records access; management of identity theft and credit issues; access to trusts; parenting needs; understanding and negotiating contracts; and access to healthcare and higher education.

Community Restorative Justice Circles is a collaboration between the Franklin County Juvenile Court and United Way of Central Ohio. Restorative Justice Circles are a diversion program for first time youthful misdemeanor offenders who agree to participate. Restorative Justice Circles, comprised of community volunteers, address the victims' needs and harms, hold youth accountable, and respect community needs and concerns. Community volunteers provide juveniles with the opportunity to repair the harm done to their victims and to make a positive contribution to their own community. Successful completion of the Restorative Justice Circle program means that the youth will not have court involvement or a juvenile record.

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clients frequently struggle in the areas of attention, initiation, planning or organization of time and materials. They often experience learning challenges as well as executive function issues. We help our clients to identify learning differences, individual strengths and to develop strategies for performance improvement.

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Caring for Kids

Caring for Kids offer a number of services including:

Foster Care—Places, monitors, and provides support to 60+ children a year in the agency’s licensed foster homes. **Private Adoption**—Counsel and support potential birth parents in the creation of an adoption a plan for their unborn child.

Public Adoption—Identifies children throughout Ohio and the United States that reside in foster care homes, but are legally free for adoption and matches them with pre-adoptive parents. **Birth mother services** are provided at no cost and exploring options with Caring for Kids involves absolutely no obligation.

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Open Arms Adoption

Open Arms Adoption is a full service non-profit domestic adoption agency with offices in Columbus and Kent Ohio. OAA provides home studies and post adoption services for families adopting infants and for families adopting children 0-18 years waiting in the public system in Ohio and across the United States.

Open Arms staff provide pre-service training and post adoption training on a variety of topics, including Love and Logic Parenting Program. OAA works with birth mothers seeking make and adoptive placement for their child. Contact: Jodi Rice, LSW Columbus Office Adoption Social Worker

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