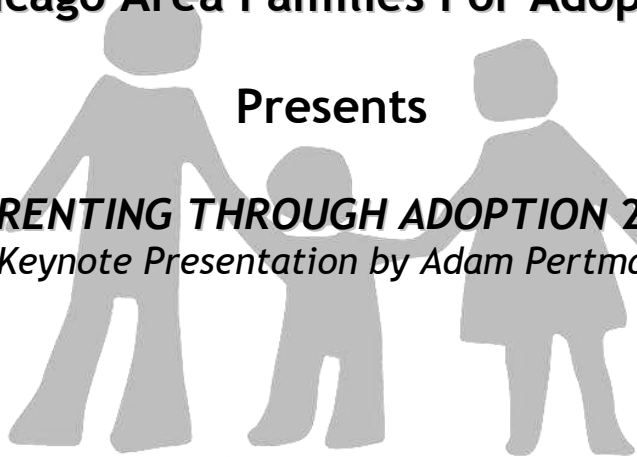


Chicago Area Families For Adoption

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PARENTING THROUGH ADOPTION 2011

Keynote Presentation by Adam Pertman



Saturday, March 5, 2011

7:30 am to 4:00 pm

Wheaton College

500 E. College Avenue

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You are invited to attend CAFFA's 20th full day conference! This conference will offer workshops for adoption professionals, prospective adoptive parents, and those already parenting through adoption. The conference is open to CAFFA members, as well as those who are not members.

Date/Time: March 5, 2011 7:30 am to 4:00 pm

Location: Wheaton College* - Wheaton, IL
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Registration: Please use the form that is included in this brochure, or apply on-line at www.caffa.org. ***The deadline for all registrations is February 25, 2011.*** Register early, as space is limited, and is filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Phone reservations will not be accepted.

Contact Us: Call 708-79-ADOPT, or email us at education@caffa.org. Visit www.caffa.org for conference updates.

SCHEDULE:

7:30 - 8:30	Conference Registration / Continental Breakfast <i>Exhibitor Area & Book / Merchandise Store Open for Viewing</i>
8:30 - 9:20	Opening Remarks & Keynote Address by Adam Pertman <i>Welcome to the Revolution!</i>
9:30 - 10:40	Session 1
10:50-12:00	Session 2
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch / Exhibit Viewing
1:10 - 2:20	Session 3
2:30 - 3:40	Session 4 Exhibits & Book / Merchandise Store Open until 4PM

ADAM PERTMAN



Adam Pertman is Executive Director of the Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute, a national nonprofit that is the pre-eminent research, policy and education organization in its field. Pertman is also Associate Editor of *Adoption Quarterly*, the premier research journal dealing with adoption and foster care. He is the author of the groundbreaking *Adoption Nation: How the Adoption Revolution is Transforming America*, (updated edition to be published in March 2011). In addition, he is the author of many chapters and articles on adoption- and family-related issues in books, scholarly journals and mass-market publications.

Pertman has delivered hundreds of keynotes, trainings and other presentations in this country and internationally for organizations including the *Child Welfare League of America*, the *American Adoption Congress*, the *Joint Council on International Children's Services*, the *National Association of Child Advocates*, and for numerous professionals including judges, social workers, psychiatrists, educators and journalists - as well as for pre-adoptive and adoptive parents, birthparents and adopted persons. Pertman's commentaries on families and children have appeared in the *Los Angeles Times*, *Boston Globe*, *Baltimore Sun*, *Miami Herald* and on *National Public Radio*, among others. Articles about him, his book and his role at the Adoption Institute (as well as about the Institute's work) have appeared in numerous newspapers and magazines nationwide, including the *New York Times* and *People*. As one of the country's leading experts on adoption and family issues, Pertman is widely quoted in the media and has been a guest on many radio and television programs, including "Oprah," "Today" and "Nightline."

Pertman was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for his writing about adoption in *The Boston Globe*. His other honors include a *Lifetime Achievement Award* from the Florida Adoption Council, an *Angel in Adoption Award* from the U.S. Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute; the *Special Friend of Children Award* from the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry; the Dave Thomas Center for Adoption Law's first award for "the nation's greatest contributor to public understanding about adoption and permanency placement issues;" the *Friend of Children Award* from the ODS Adoption Community of New England; a *Family Builder Award* from the American Fertility Association, the Century Foundation's prestigious *Leonard Silk Journalism Award*; the *President's Award* from the African American Cultural Council of Virginia; the *Year 2000 Journalism Award* from Holt International Children's Services; and the American Adoption Congress' first award for the journalist who most informed the nation on adoption issues and "for his eloquent witnessing of contemporary adoption."

Previously, Pertman was a senior journalist with *The Boston Globe* for more than two decades. He is a member of the *Council on Contemporary Families*, the editorial advisory board of *Adoptive Families* magazine, and the *National Adoption Advisory Committee of the Child Welfare League of America*. He and his wife, Judy Baumwoll, live in Massachusetts with their two teenage children: Zachary and Emilia.

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: WELCOME TO THE REVOLUTION

Adoption has undergone historic changes over the last few decades, not only transforming how it is practiced but also forever altering our understanding of how families are formed - and even how we define the word "family." In this uplifting address, Mr. Pertman explores the changes taking place and explains their profound effects on us all.

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Children's Home Society & Family Services

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Hope to Home, LLC

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Waltham, MA 02451
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5233 N. Clark Street
Chicago, IL 60640
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1A. Continuing the Conversation with Adam Pertman**Audience:** All**Emphasis:** All**Adam Pertman**

This workshop provides an opportunity for conference attendees to discuss issues that Adam Pertman raises in his keynote address, to learn more about his work at the Adoption Institute for "triad" members, and to ask questions about your own children and families.

1B. Meeting the Challenges of Int'l & Domestic Adoption **Cherie Jones Das****Audience:** Pre**Emphasis:** All & Kathleen Hogan Morrison

This workshop will emphasize how international & domestic adoptions have changed in the last five years. The presenters will address issues raised by the Hague Convention and country requirements in international adoption, as well as issues raised by the declining number and spiraling complications in domestic adoption. The focus of the workshop is on how prospective adoptive parents can adopt successfully, notwithstanding the challenges.

1C. Parents and Teachers: Supporting the Children Together **Jane Katch****Audience:** Pre, Pro, FP, AP-All**Emphasis:** All

Children who spent their early years in orphanages or foster care can be at risk for difficulties in school. How can teachers adapt the curriculum to support their needs? How much should issues around adoption be brought into the classroom? When is it important for parents and teachers to talk about the child's history and what is the best way to do it? In this session we will discuss some of the issues that may come up in schools and discuss how parents and teacher can work together to support the children.

1D. Lessons Learned From Open Adoption**Patricia Dischler****Audience:** Pre, BP, Pro, AP-Y**Emphasis:** D

Learn how your child's beginnings affect who they are & how you can support them in building a strong, positive self-image. Hear from a birthmother's perspective how adoptive parents have the power to overcome fears and negativity in adoption and set the standard for their child's view of being adopted. Patricia's personal journey as a birthmother will touch your heart & open your mind to a new type of relationship that supports the whole child.

1E. Commitment: Adopting a Child with Unknown Special Needs**Audience:** Pre, FP, Pro, AP-All**Emphasis:** All**Susan A. Radcliff-Koniak**

While many adoptees are identified as healthy, many adoptable children or children in the foster care system have unidentified special needs (Aspergers, ADD/ADHD, NVLD, FAS/FAE, etc). This workshop will look at: 1) the physical unknowns caused by drug or alcohol exposure, and possible genetic or unknown factors that may cause physical special needs; & 2) the mental unknowns caused by environmental influences, drugs & alcohol, trauma at birth, or genetics. This workshop will explore how a parent goes from wondering to being a kid's warrior. Resources will be offered.

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1F. Effective Adoptive Parenting Styles

Kathryn Herrera

Audience: Pre, FP, AP-All **Emphasis:** All

This workshop was developed for adoptive families but can be applied to any family system. It is hard to find a family that has not been touched by loss: divorce, death, moving from one part of the country to another, losing the extended family system. Because of the nature of attachment and how important it is to the development of empathy, belonging and identity formation, it is clearly a cornerstone of parenting. This workshop will explore what does and does not work, in both changing behavior and encouraging children's attachment. Implementing effective parenting and discipline styles requires that we be committed to parenting in a conscious, deliberate manner.

SESSION 2	10:50 am - 12:00 pm
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2A. Your Adoption Options & How to Get Started

Denise J. Patton

Audience: Pre **Emphasis:** All

This program is designed to give persons interested in adopting both a general understanding of what is involved in the adoption process as well as a direction on how to get started. This seminar will present an unbiased view of the many different types of adoptions available today. Adoption terminology, common legal issues, informational resources and financial benefits available to adoptive parents will also be covered.

2B. Adoptees Grow Up

Krista McCoy

Audience: All **Emphasis:** All

This workshop will discuss issues, challenges and rewards as adoptees age. Much of the historical research has focused only on the adoptee as an infant or young child. More commonly now, research is focusing on adoption throughout the life span. This workshop will discuss how adoption issues change over time; families and professionals can learn what these changes are and ways to respond appropriately.

2C. Medical Issues in Adoptions and Foster Care

Todd J. Ochs, MD

Audience: All **Emphasis:** All

What should adoptive parents and workers be concerned about, in the rapidly-changing world of adoption and foster care? What health problems do international and domestic adoptees have, now, and what problems might we face in the future? Shedding light on medical issues present in international and domestic adoptees, and in foster children, will provide parents and adoption professionals with valuable tools to go forward.

2D. Celebrate Adoption: Opening the Doors of Communication!

Audience: Pre, BP, Pro, AP-All **Emphasis:** All **Michelle Mattes**

Michelle Mattes, an adoptee, will share her forty-one year's journey growing up adopted. Mrs. Mattes can provide you with insight from an adoptee's viewpoint as she has been reunited with her birthfamily for over 14 years and has remained close to her adopted family as well. We will discuss how adoption can be made a deterrent or a celebration and how learning how to be more comfortable talking about adoption will send the message of an "open door" policy when it comes to any questions in the future.

(Session 2 Continued)

2E. Thinking & Talking About Racism For Our Children & Ourselves

Audience: BP, FP, Pro, AP-All **Emphasis:** All **April R. Sakaeda**

Transracial adoptees often mention racism as one of the issues that accompanies adoption. But same-race families may also suffer negative effects from racism. How can we think and talk about racism in ways that benefit our families? How can our growing insights and understanding about race and racism impact the way we interact with our children, our communities and our society? This lecture will challenge the way you think about race and racism with regard to adoption issues and suggest ways to take action in your own community.

2F. 10 Things Everyone Needs to Know About Adoption **Adam Pertman**

Audience: All **Emphasis:** All

Adoption's secretive history has left a legacy of faulty stereotypes, corrosive myths, and basic misinformation. In this workshop, Adam Pertman discusses the realities of adoption and its participants - from birthmothers to adoptees to adoptive parents - all in the framework of "normalizing" adoption as just one more natural way to form a family.

LUNCH BREAK / EXHIBIT VIEWING FOLLOWS SESSION 2

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

SESSION 3

1:10 pm - 2:20 pm

3A. Born in the USA: Legal Aspects of Domestic Adoption **Shelley Ballard**

Audience: Pre, BP, FP **Emphasis:** D

This workshop will present an overview of the legal aspects of domestic adoption, including the types of adoption, the finality of a birth parent's consent, birth father rights and the IL Putative Father Registry, interstate adoption, openness, and avoiding scams. Recent changes to IL adoption law regarding an adoptee's access to his original birth certificate and a birth parent's right to designate the adopting parent will be reviewed. In addition, we will discuss the financial & practical considerations, such as average costs, medical insurance coverage, employer benefits and the adoption tax credit.

3B. International Adoption 101 **Susan D. Orban**

Audience: Pre **Emphasis:** I

This workshop will provide the most up-to-date information in order to educate prospective parents about the current state and the current options for international adoption, as well as an overview of the steps involved in an international adoption process. In this workshop, we will cover: (1) some of the preliminary questions to ask yourself when deciding if adoption is right for you and your family; (2) ideas to think about when choosing an international program; (3) resources for more information.

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(Session 3 Continued)

3C. What Needs To Be In My Child's IEP?

Jill Dressner

Audience: FP, Pro, AP-All **Emphasis:** All

Parents attend Individual Educational Plan meetings for their children with special needs but do not always understand what legally should be written into their child's IEP in order to ensure that their child receives all appropriate educational services provided under current law. This workshop will teach parents what should and should not be in their child's written IEP, and how the document needs to be written in order to be a legally binding document.

3D. Meet the Birthparents

Vicki Twomey

Audience: Pre, BP, Pro, AP-All **Emphasis:** D

A panel of birthparents from multiple adoption agencies in Illinois will tell their adoption stories and answer questions from the audience. This panel is intended for anyone that would like to meet, become comfortable with or would like to discuss birthparent issues. Our hope is to create an environment conducive to a meaningful and open discussion that allows people to gain a better understanding of this important member of the triad.

3E. Half & Half: Information For Raising Biracial Adoptees

Audience: Pre, Pro, AP-All **Emphasis:** All **Michelle M. Hughes**

What does it mean to be "Biracial"? How are "Biracials" perceived in American society, both in the majority and minority communities? What is the history of Biracial adoptees? How does one have their Biracial child build a positive self identity in a world that says "choose"? What are the additional challenges for parents raising a Biracial child who are not interracially married themselves? There are support groups, Biracial advocates, and a growing number of resources; this discussion is to give a quick primer on being Biracial in America.

3F. Social Networking After Adoption

Nancy Golden

Audience: All **Emphasis:** All

Social network sites are fueling a revolution in adoption—a time in which adoptees and their birthparents can connect with a simple click of a mouse. This new world of connecting through social networking sites requires adoptive parents to reconsider how much information their children need to know about their birth families and the circumstances of their adoption. Participants will have an opportunity to consider how to think about and handle an unanticipated outreach from a birth parent or birth sibling. Contact initiated by young adoptees themselves will also be discussed.

SESSION 4	2:30 pm - 3:40 pm
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4A. The Interstate Adoption Experience

Sheila A. Maloney

Audience: Pre, Pro **Emphasis:** D

In this day of using internet resources to pursue adoption, the number of interstate adoptions is on the rise. Each state's laws vary dramatically & prospective adoptive families need to know what to expect once the match is made. This presentation is intended to cover the purpose of the ICPC (Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children) and the steps required to ensure the speedy approval of the packet so the adoptive family can return home as soon as possible with their child.

4B. The Transracial 10

Kevin Hofmann

Audience: Pre, FP, Pro, AP-All **Emphasis:** All

As a transracial adoptee, Mr. Hoffman is often asked what his parents did right and what they could have done better. So from them, he has come up with the 10 things he thinks all transracial adoptive parents, foster parents and professional should know when considering transracial adoption.

4C. Dealing With Bullies

Michael P. Maniacci, PsyD

Audience: All

Emphasis: All

Bullying can be difficult for everyone. This workshop will explore who bullies, who gets bullied, and what can be done about it. The common types of people who bully will be discussed, as well as the most common types of people who are bullied. This interactive workshop will give you an opportunity for questions & answers.

4D. Openness in Adoption Law & Practice Today

Sally Wildman

Audience: All

Emphasis: D

Recent changes in Illinois Adoption law & practice recognize the importance of openness to all triad members both during the adoption process and later in the adult life of an adoptee. We will explore new techniques in the process: (1) Use of "Consent to Adoption by Specified Person" in private placements; (2) Use of "Designated Surrender for Purpose of Adoption" now in agency placements where adopting parents are selected by birth parents; (3) New Bill of Rights for Birth Parents. For adoption of those who are now adults, we highlight key search tools available.

4E. We're Home; Now What?

Judy Stigger

Audience: All

Emphasis: All

Before placement, pre-parents attend training in the abstract; after, they love and raise a specific child. Now that parents have that specific context, they are ready for research-based, experienced-tested parenting approaches to the challenges faced by many of our "tough-start" kids (i.e.-an often-unknown mixture of genetics, less than optimal pre-natal care, and/or a period of substandard care before arriving home to us). This workshop will explore actions parents can take to settle in newly-placed children of any age, and emerging research on the implications of those tough-starts for behavior & discipline. We will develop practical parenting approaches to give our children the best chance at success in our families and with their lives.

4F. Chores, Responsibility And Self Concept

Kelvin Gott

Audience: Pre, FP, Pro, AP-All Emphasis: All

Self concept is the primary predictor of success in academics, career and personal relationships. This seminar offers proven ideas and techniques for improving your child's self concept and embrace of responsibility. Many of Kel's ideas are based on the Parenting with Love & Logic program of Jim Fay, Charles Fay and Dr. Foster Kline.

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PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

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Ballard, Shelley, Adoption attorney and adoptive mother of 2, with 20+ years experience in all types of adoptions, is a partner in Ballard, Desai & Miller, a law firm practicing exclusively in the area of adoption and reproductive technology law.

Das, Cherie Jones, LCSW, is the International Adoption Coordinator for Lutheran Child & Family Services and has worked in adoption since 1986. She has developed training curricula for the Lutheran Adoption and Foster Care Alliance and HATW Culture Camps, and is the adoptive mother of two children.

Dischler, Patricia, author of "Because I Loved You: A Birthmother's View of Open Adoption", and national speaker at adoption trainings and conferences, was the recipient of the 2007 Wisconsin Governor's Award for excellence in the field of child care.

Dressner, Jill M., Attorney, works with the Special Ed Advocacy Center. She is an adjunct professor at Loyola University Chicago School of Law, teaching Special Education Law.

Golden, Nancy, LCSW, is the Co-Director, as well as the Clinical Director of Midwest Adoption Center. Working as a psychotherapist within the adoption community for 20+ years, Nancy has extensive clinical experience with young adoptees & their families. She provides training & consultation to families and professionals in the Chicagoland area.

Gott, Kelvin, MA ED Ad. Over 32 years of classroom teaching & fifteen years of parental/teacher consulting, make Mr. Gott one of the most sought after presenters in the Midwest. The father of four presents humorous stories & poignant examples to highlight his message about responsibility, development of self concept & parenting for the future of your child.

Herrera, Kathryn, LCSW, is the Adoption Program Supervisor for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago, where she has worked for 16+ years. Kathryn's adoption related experience includes coordinating international adoption programs, counseling birthparents, and providing home studies & post placement services for adoptive parents & families.

Hoffman, Kevin, author of *Growing Up Black In White*, is a public speaker who has a passion for adoption—especially transracial adoption. He is an adoption advocate and enjoys sharing his experiences as a biracial transracial adoptee to help other adoptive families. Hofmann lives with his wife and two sons in Toledo, Ohio.

Hughes, Michelle, Attorney, focusing on adoption & assisted reproductive technology, is also the co-founder of Bridge Communications, Inc., which specializes in diversity training. She has been quoted regularly in the *Chicago Tribune* and *Chicago Sun-Times* concerning issues of transracial adoption & multiracial identity.

Katch, Jane is a kindergarten teacher. Her third book is *Far Away from the Tigers: A Year in the Classroom With Internationally Adopted Children*. Her articles have appeared in *The Harvard Educational Review* and *Educational Leadership*. Her classroom was featured in the PBS documentary, *Raising Cain*.

Maloney, Sheila A., has been practicing adoption law for 25+ years. She has handled thousands of adoptions, sits on numerous adoption committees, and has helped draft several pieces of legislation affecting Illinois adoptions.

Maniacci, Michael P., PsyD, is a clinical psychologist in practice, with offices in Naperville & Chicago. He is a published author, consultant, and instructor, as well as a frequent and sought-after presenter.

Mattes, Michelle is an adoptee and enjoys sharing her story with others. She has spoken at several adoption conferences and has facilitated an adoption support group. Mrs. Mattes is currently working on publishing her first children's book to assist adoptive parents in talking about adoption with their young adoptees.

McCoy, Krista, MSW, LCSW, is a biracial, transracial adoptee. Krista has been a conference presenter/trainer on issues of foster care/adoption for over 17 years. She served two terms on the Illinois Adoption Advisory Council and also has extensive experience in the field of mental health, substance abuse, and therapy.

Morrison, Kathleen Hogan, is a Chicago attorney, concentrating in adoption. She is the Past President of the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys, was recently selected as one of the Top 50 Women Lawyers in Illinois, and was designated an Angel in Adoption by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute.

Ochs, Todd J., MD, is a general pediatrician, who has been working with adoptive families, adopted children, and foster children, for the last fourteen years, and is a founding member of the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Adoption and Foster Care. He is the adoptive father of four special needs daughters from China.

Orban, Susan D. has worked in the adoption field for 20+ years and currently works as an Outreach & Education Coordinator for Children's Home Society & Family Services, and has traveled internationally to help families with their adoptions. Sue is the proud parent of four children, three adopted internationally & one biological.

Patton, Denise J., is an adoptive parent and an adoption attorney who devotes her practice to adoption & infertility law. She is a member of the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys and is a member and past chair of the Chicago Bar Association's Adoption Law Committee. She has successfully completed hundreds of adoptions.

Radcliff-Koniak, Susan A. MSW, LSW, has worked in the Adoption field for 11 years specializing in international & domestic adoption and working with the foster care system. She and her husband are the parents of three children through international adoption, and have parented foster children and children with special needs.

Sakaeda, April R. is a writer and educator who focuses on anti-racism and social justice. She speaks and facilitates workshops about racism, Asian American issues and transracial adoption.

Stigger, Judy, LCSW, counsels adopted teens & families. She creates content for www.AdoptionLearningPartner.org an interactive adoption training site, and is an author, national speaker & Angel in Adoption recipient. She has served families for 35+ years, and is a mother to her now-grown special needs & transracially placed children.

Twomney, Vicki, is birthmom to Kevin, 16, placed at birth in an open adoption. She is a case manager at On Your Feet Foundation & an Expectant Mother Counselor, helping pregnant women make adoption plans. Vicki regularly speaks at adoption related events, in order to help the world better understand a birthmom's selfless act.

Wildman, Sally, JD, has focused on adoption law practice for 15+ years. A member of both American Academy of Adoption Attorneys and Chicago Bar Association Adoption Committee, Ms. Wildman participates in efforts to improve applicable laws based on her clients' experiences.

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Foster Parent

Adoptive Parent

Adoption Professional

Birth Parent

Other (specify): _____

Areas of Interest: (check all that apply)

Domestic Adoption

International Adoption

Foster Care

Professional Adoption Info

Other (specify): _____

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

For each participant, please circle ONE workshop you wish to attend in each session:

Registrant #1 - Name: _____

Session 1	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	1F	Session 2
2A	2B	2C	2D	2E	2F	Session 3	3A
3B	3C	3D	3E	3F	Session 4	4A	4B
4C	4D	4E	4F				

Lunch Selection (see last page)-circle one: Veggie BLT Classic Asian Salad

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Please circle ONE workshop you wish to attend in each session:

Registrant #2 - Name: _____

Session 1	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	1F	Session 2	
	2A	2B	2C	2D	2E	2F	Session 3	3A
	3B	3C	3D	3E	3F	Session 4	4A	4B
	4C	4D	4E	4F				

Lunch Selection (see last page)-circle one: Veggie BLT Classic Asian Salad

FEES:

AMOUNT DUE:

CAFFA MEMBERSHIP (optional) \$40/year (per family) \$_____ (line 1)

If you are not currently a member, but would like to apply and take advantage of the reduced conference rates, you may add membership dues to your conference payment. See website for membership information & benefits.

CONFERENCE FEES (circle one):

Individual: **Early Bird** **Regular Fee***

CAFFA Member \$55/person \$75/person

Non-Member \$100/person \$120/person

Couple:

CAFFA Member \$80/couple \$100/couple

Non-Member \$135/couple \$155/couple

***Regular fees apply after 02/04/11** (Indicate fee that applies) \$_____ (line 2)

CEU SOCIAL WORKER CREDITS \$25 \$_____ (line 3)

If you are an Adoption Professional requesting Social Worker Credits, include \$25 fee

TOTAL ENCLOSED: (Add lines 1 through 3) \$_____

Please pay by check only. Credit card payment is available through our on-line registration, for major credit card and/or PayPal account holders.

If you provide an email address, you will receive an email confirmation of your registration; otherwise, your canceled check will be your confirmation.

Please make sure both pages of the Registration form are completely filled out and accurate. Send form with your check, made payable to CAFFA to:

Chicago Area Families For Adoption
P. O. Box 5995
Naperville, IL 60567-5995
ATTN: 2011 Conference

LUNCH SELECTIONS—circle your selection on the registration form:

Roasted Vegetable Wrap—Chef's seasonal selection of vegetables including roasted peppers, tomatoes, summer squash, zucchini, fresh mozzarella and mixed greens served in a spinach wrap

Turkey BLT—House roasted turkey, crisp bacon, and tomatoes and green leaf lettuce on Ciabatta bread

The Classic Sandwich—Virginia style ham, house roasted turkey breast and salami stacked with provolone cheese and mixed greens on artisan bread

Asian Chicken Salad—Teriyaki marinated sliced grilled chicken on a bed of baby field greens with julienned peppers, shredded carrots, sugar snap peas, crispy rice noodles and sesame soy dressing on the side

DIRECTIONS TO WHEATON COLLEGE*

The CAFFA *Parenting Through Adoption* 2011 Conference will be held at the *Billy Graham Center* on the Wheaton College campus: 500 E. College Avenue, Wheaton, IL. The Graham Center is located in the southeast quadrant of Seminary Avenue/College Avenue, which runs east-west, and N. Washington Street, which runs north-south.

Please visit the CAFFA Conference 2011 website for more detailed directions, as well as for a map of the campus: www.caffa.org

**This event is not a function of Wheaton College. All inquiries regarding the conference, including directions, should be directed to CAFFA at education@caffa.org.*

HOTEL INFORMATION

We have made arrangements with the Hyatt Lisle to offer guests of the CAFFA conference a special rate of \$78 /night, along with complimentary shuttle service to and from the conference. For reservations using the CAFFA discount, please access the hotel link directly from the CAFFA conference home page (www.caffa.org), or call 888-421-1442 and indicate that you are interested in booking a room in the CAFFA block.

FINAL NOTES...

No infants or children please.

Conference fees are non-refundable after February 11, 2011. Partial refunds on cancellations prior to this date will be made upon request.

Please include your email address when filling out your registration form. Important updates regarding the conference will be sent via email.

No audio or videotaping.

CAFFA's conference website will be continuously updated with any informational changes, as well as updates to our Exhibitors and Sponsors. More complete descriptions of the workshops and Presenter's bios may be found there as well.

For questions regarding the conference, please call 1-708-79-ADOPT, or email education@caffa.org.

We hope to see you there!

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