

The Barker Adoption Foundation's Adoption Training

In-Person Adoption Training

Pre-Adoption Training is designed to help you think about both the rewards and the challenges of adoption and the life-long adoption issues that are involved. All prospective adoptive parents must complete the training before beginning the home study.

Pre-Adoption Group (PAG) Training Domestic Infant and International Programs

Pre-Adoption Group Training is a one day training and is specific to the adoption of infants from our Domestic Infant Program and children from our International Program under the age of four. You may take the training at the same time you are working on the home study paperwork. Home study visits will not start until you complete the training. A confirmation letter and articles to pre-read for the group will be emailed 10 days before the group begins. Please note that both parents, if adopting as a couple, must complete the adoption reading assignments and associated worksheets separately.

International Training (One-day training held on Sunday of the same weekend as the PAG)

This training discusses the specific issues that are often seen in children adopted internationally. Such topics include: attachment, grief and loss, discipline, integrating culture and heritage and navigating your child's needs. This group training builds on the topics introduced in the Pre-Adoption Group but focuses more on the particular needs of children coming from institutional care or foster care in foreign countries. This group training also provides a wonderful opportunity for our international families to meet others and increase their adoption support system. Find an upcoming session; please visit the Barker Events Calendar.

PRIDE Training for Domestic Older Child Adoption from Foster Care

PRIDE training is 27 hours and is specific to the adoption of older children from the foster care system. The curriculum covers trauma, grief and loss, attachment and bonding, development, communication, behavioral and emotional challenges, transracial and transcultural adoption, financial assistance, as well as the legal process. Some people may opt to take PRIDE Training prior to application

To register for these sessions, visit the Barker Adoption Foundation website at:

<http://www.barkeradoptionfoundation.org/events/calendar>

1. On the Event Calendar page, select the **Event Type** Prospective Adoptive Parent Training in the dropdown list.
2. From the list of upcoming adoption training choose the appropriate training:
Pre-Adoption Group Training International Training or PRIDE Training.
3. Choose date of the training you wish to attend and go to **Register Here** and click the link.
4. Pay with your credit card using PayPal – *you do not need a PayPal account to pay for the training.*

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Web-Based Adoption Training

In addition to the agency's in-person adoption training, we also require prospective adoptive parents to participate in web-based adoption training. You may take the training before or after completing the one day PAG training. You must complete all of the training before the home study interviews commence. Please note that both parents, if adopting as a couple, can complete the training together.

Domestic Infant Program Families- register to participate in the trainings listed below:

- **Adoption Learning Partners** www.adoptionlearningpartners.org
 - Register to take a course by clicking on "**Register**" at the top of the homepage to create an account. Make sure to choose **Barker Foundation** in the dropdown agency list.
 - ***Let's Talk Adoption: A Lifetime of Family Conversations***
 - ***The Journey of Attachment***

International Program Families-(optional) You may register to participate in the appropriate trainings listed below:

- **Adoption Learning Partners** www.adoptionlearningpartners.org
 - Register to take a course by clicking on "**Register**" at the top of the homepage to create an account. Make sure to choose **Barker Foundation** in the dropdown agency list.
 - ***Medical Issues in International Adoption***
 - ***The Journey of Attachment***
 - ***Adopting the Older Child***

- **Heart of the Matter Education:** www.heartofthemattereducation.com
 - Required for Families Adopting a Child Internationally with Special Needs
 - Register to participate in the training
 - ***Medical Issues in International Adoption***

NOTE: Don't forget to print out the training certificate(s) and provide a copy to The Barker Adoption Foundation to include in your adoption case record.