

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 for 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. 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 attend the training together and complete the adoption reading assignments and associated worksheets separately.

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:

<https://www.barkeradoptionfoundation.org/about-us/events>

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 or **PRIDE Training**.
3. Choose date of the training you wish to attend click the link for the detailed registration information page.
4. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click **Register Now**.
5. Complete the online registration form and 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.

Online Training is delivered through **Adoption Learning Partners** at 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.

➤ **Domestic Infant Program Families – Total Online hours – 9.5 hours**

- *Let's Talk Adoption: A Lifetime of Family Conversations (2 hrs)*
- *The Journey of Attachment (2 hrs)*
- *Open Adoption 101: What to Consider, how to Establish Ways to Stay Connected (2 hrs)*
- *Conspicuous Families (1.5 hrs)*
- *Finding the Missing Pieces (2 hrs)*

➤ **International Program Families – Total Online hours – 12 hours**

- *Medical Issues in International Adoption (2.5 hrs)*
- *The Journey of Attachment (2 hrs)*
- *Conspicuous Families (1.5 hrs)*
- *Finding the Missing Pieces (2 hrs)*
- *With Eyes Wide Open (4 hrs)*

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.