



ADOPTION DECISION MAKING SEMINAR – June 12, 2010

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This one-day program will guide you through the maze of adoption issues and options. You will be able to gather information from top adoption professionals in one place, and you will have the opportunity to speak with others making the same kinds of decisions to form their families.

Saturday, June 12, 2010 — 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Newton Senior Center, 345 Walnut Street, Newtonville, MA 02460

Enter building in the back, off the parking lot. Park in the lot or on Highland St.

Registration 9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

9:30 am - 11:45 am, Session 1 — Domestic Adoption: An overview of the adoption process, and insights on how people make the many decisions along the way. A panel of New England domestic adoption professionals will cover how to choose an agency, the home study, costs, and the range of openness in adoptions today. There will be an overview of the different players in the field including traditional in-state agency adoptions, out-of-state agencies, attorneys, facilitators, and state departments of social services that help identify children and their birth parents looking to make an adoption plan. The panel will conclude with Q&A.

11:45 am - 12:30 pm — Lunch: You are welcome to bring your own lunch. A list of local restaurants and places to pick up food will also be provided.

12:30 pm - 2:45 pm, Session 2 — International Adoption: An overview of the differences between domestic and international adoption. A panel of international adoption specialists will provide an in-depth discussion about the process of international adoption and the latest information on the international adoption reforms. Topics will include the factors in choosing a country (including age of parents, travel and time requirements, age and experiences of pre-adoptive children, and medical issues) and the realities of trans-racial and trans-cultural adoptions. Q&A will follow.

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Session 3 — Adoptive Parents Talk about Adoption: This session will be a panel discussion with parents who have recently adopted. The panel will share their stories and lessons learned along the way, followed by Q&A. Wrap-up will include discussion of next steps and how to find continued support.

SPACE IS LIMITED - PLEASE REGISTER EARLY

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Please complete and return this form via mail to: RESOLVE of the Bay State, 395 Totten Pond Rd., Ste. 403, Waltham, MA 02451 **Or fax to:** 781-890-2249. Registration in advance is strongly recommended, but walk-ins are welcome. For more information go to: www.resolveofthebaystate.org, email admin@resolveofthebaystate.org, or call 782-890-2225.