

An Education Seminar for Extended Family and Friends

For Your: Parents & In-laws · Siblings · Older Children · Other Family Members · Nannies · Friends

Finally - a seminar to help family and friends understand adoption. This seminar will be helpful during the adoption process, or after the adoption has been completed. The seminar will help involve family and friends, and will provide education about the different aspects of adoption:

- Positive adoption language
- How to answer questions – Privacy versus secrecy
- Adjustments of internationally adopted & older children
- Understanding open adoption relationships
- Losses in adoption for everyone in the adoption "constellation"
- Growing up adopted – presentation by an adult adoptee
- How family and friends can be supportive - (and what not to do)

Date: Saturday, May 14, 2022 - Live Stream Online

9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$50 per person (inquire about group discounts)

Detailed zoom instructions will be provided, as well as a short tutorial for those who are not familiar with using zoom

About the presenter:

Sofie Stergianis, MSW, RSW, is a private adoption professional who has worked in the field of adoption since 1981. Sofie is an experienced trainer, and her adoption seminars are based on years of accumulated knowledge in child welfare, international adoption and private domestic adoption. She is also the co-author of the children's book entitled: *"What is Adoption? Helping Non-Adopted Children Understand Adoption"*, which has sold worldwide, as well as the newly released book: *"Embrace Your Fertility...Empowering You With Tools To Help You Succeed"*. In her personal life, Sofie is a parent through adoption, and her son, adopted at birth, is now a young adult.

**For further information and to register, contact Sofie Stergianis
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