



C.A.S.E.

The Center for Adoption Support and Education, Inc.

an adoptive family support center

C.A.S.E. is pleased to announce support from the Debra Steigerwaldt Waller Foundation for Adoption, Ltd, Chairman and C.E.O. of Jockey International, Inc. With the leadership of Debra Waller, Jockey through its corporate citizenship initiative, Jockey Being Family ® has helped raise awareness and availability of post-adoption services. Funding has been received to reduce the fee of several webinars expanding our reach to adoptive families both nationally and internationally. Don't miss out on this opportunity to access these dynamic educational forums.

Certificates of attendance/completion are available for foster parent continuing education or to document fulfillment of the educational requirements for international adoption according to the Hague Convention.

WEBINAR: *Taking the Fear out of Open Adoption: What it Is and What it Isn't*

Tuesday, February 22

9:00-10:30 p.m. EST

As children grow, families who have maintained birth family connections often need guidance as they chart this unique journey. Mari Itzkowitz, LCSW and Ellen Singer, LCSW-C will address common questions regarding decisions around contact, setting appropriate boundaries, handling differences between birth and adoptive parents' values and lifestyle choices, as well as the evolution/challenges of changes in relationships over time. Presenters will also discuss how parents can help their children with issues related to grief and loss that are still part of the open adoption experience. **Fee: \$10**

WEBINAR: *Building Self-Esteem and Racial Identity in Transracially Adopted Youth*

Tuesday, March 15

9:00-10:30 p.m. EST

Dr. Leigh Leslie, Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies specializing in race and gender issues, University of Maryland, Department of Family Sciences and Debbie Riley, C.A.S.E. C.E.O. will host this webinar. What do transracially adopted youth need for healthy racial identity development? What influences their ability to develop cohesive racial identity and positive sense of well-being? How can parents equip their children to cope with racial discrimination? The University of Maryland and C.A.S.E. have partnered to conduct cutting-edge research to address these important questions. In addition to exploring these answers, this webinar will include a review of preliminary research findings to help guide parents as they support their child's racial identity. **Fee: \$10**

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