

# Crossroads of America Adoption Conference

Date: September 30 – October 1, 2011

## Schedule of Events



### Friday, September 30

8:00 – 9:00 am	<b>Breakfast and Registration. Vender Tables are open.</b>		
9:00 – 9:30 am	<b>Welcome Session “Angels in Adoption”</b> – Michele L. Jackson, J.D.		
9:40 – 10:30 am	<b>Dental Issues in Adoption</b>	<b>Home Study Round Table Panel</b>	<b>Working Therapeutically with Adoptive Parents</b>
10:40 – 11:55 am	<b>International Adoption 101</b> <i>Michele L. Jackson, J.D.</i>	<b>Social Media Marketing</b> <i>Erik Deckers, Media Expert</i>	<b>Emotional Issues Inherent In Adoption</b>
12:00 – 1:00 pm <b>Lunch is provided</b>	<b>Jason Kovacs, Director of Ministry Development for ABBA Fund and adoptive father, speaks about the plight of orphans in our world and need for adoption.</b>		
1:20 – 2:10 pm	<b>Adoption vs. Normal</b> <i>Judy Miller, Author</i>	<b>Orphan Ministry</b> <i>MaryAnn Randolph, M. Div.</i>	<b>Legal Risks for the Adoption Professional</b> <i>Michele L. Jackson, J.D.</i>
2:20 – 3:10 pm	<b>Techniques to Strengthen Attachment</b> <i>Brooke Randolph, LMHC</i>	<b>Networking and the Adoption Professional</b> <i>Hazel M. Walke, Strategist</i>	<b>Getting to Hague</b> <i>Nicole Skellenger, J.D.</i>
3:20 – 4:10 pm	<b>Managing Stress in Adoption</b>	<b>Non-Profit Fundraising</b> <i>Fatima Johnson</i>	<b>Medicine and Adoption</b> <i>Dr. Michele Zormeier</i>
4:20 – 6:20 pm (optional)	<b>Affording Adoption Resources</b> <i>Camie Schuiteman, Adoptive Mother and Orphan Advocate</i>	<b>Adoption Education Course</b>	<b>Foreign Attorneys and Adoption Service Provider Vender Tables – Open</b>
<b>The Fatherless Foundation Dinner and Auction 6:00 – 8:30 pm</b> to raise funds for orphan care and adoption.			

### Saturday, October 1

8:00 – 9:00 am	<b>Breakfast and Registration. Vender Tables are open.</b>		
9:00 – 9:15 am	<b>Welcome and Introduction to day's sessions</b>		
9:20 – 10:20 am	<b>Home Study 101 for Adoptive Parents</b> <i>Kathy Slaughter</i>	<b>It's not just about the Adoptive Parents!</b> <i>Panel</i>	<b>Beyond Adoption Preparation</b>
10:30 – 11:50 am	<b>Special Needs &amp; Older Child Adoption</b> <i>Panel</i>	<b>Racism &amp; My Child</b> <i>Judy Miller, Author</i>	<b>Adoption Risks Domestic and International</b> <i>Michele L. Jackson, J.D.</i>
12:00 – 1:00 pm <b>Lunch is provided</b>	<b>Carolyn Twietmeyer, Founder and Director of Project HOPEFUL, speaks about her experience with adopting children internationally and specifically about adopting a child with HIV/AIDS .</b>		
1:10 – 2:20 pm	<b>Fathers in Adoption</b> <i>Panel of Adoptive Fathers</i>	<b>Nutrition &amp; Adoption</b> <i>Bernardo Salazar</i>	<b>Adoption from Bulgaria</b> <i>Panel</i>
2:30 – 3:30 pm	<b>Family &amp; Friends Session</b> <i>Panel</i>	<b>Balancing Profession and Family After Adoption</b> <i>Wayne DeVeydt, CFO</i>	<b>Preparing Your Child's Lifebook</b> <i>Elizabeth Nelson</i>
3:40 – 4:30 pm	<b>What Your Child's School Needs to Know</b> <i>Panel</i>	<b>Sensory Issues</b> <i>Candace Thompson</i>	<b>HIV/AIDS &amp; Adoption</b> <i>Carolyn Twietmeyer</i>
4:40 – 6:40 pm (optional)	<b>Afro-Caribbean Hair/Skin Care</b> <i>Uzuri Asad</i>	<b>Parenting &amp; Adoption Course</b> <i>Brooke Randolph, LMHC</i>	<b>Affording Adoption</b> <i>Camie Schuiteman,</i>
<b>MLJ Adoptions, Inc.'s Annual Adoption Picnic on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.</b> Free and family friendly! (optional)			