

Crossroads of America Adoption Conference

Date: September 30 – October 1, 2011



Friday, September 30

8:00 – 9:00am	Breakfast and Registration in Gym. Vender Tables are open.		
9:00–9:30	Welcome Session “Adoption is Amazing” – Michele L. Jackson, J.D.		
	Art Studio	Gallery 1	Gallery 2
9:40–10:30	Home Study Round Table <i>Panel of Social Workers</i>	Confidential Intermediary Training Marion Superior Court	Affording Adoption <i>Camie Schuiteman, Adoptive Mother and Orphan Advocate</i>
10:40–11:55	Social Media Marketing <i>Erik Deckers, Social Media Consultant</i>	Working Therapeutically with Adoptive Families <i>Brooke Randolph, LMHC</i>	Managing Stress in Adoption <i>Bill Frederick, LCSW and children’s book author</i>
12:00–1:00	Jason Kovacs, Director of Ministry Development for ABBA Fund and adoptive father. Session in gym, lunch is provided.		
1:20–2:10	Legal Risks for the Adoption Professional <i>Michele L. Jackson, J.D.</i>	Orphan Ministry <i>MaryAnn Randolph, M. Div.</i>	Nutrition & Adoption <i>Bernardo Salazar, Biggest Loser Season 5 At-Home Winner</i>
2:20–3:10	Networking and the Adoption Professional <i>Hazel M. Walker, Strategist</i>	Techniques to Strengthen Families <i>Brooke Randolph, LMHC</i>	Adoption From Samoa <i>Samoa Victim Support Representative</i>
3:20–4:10	Adoption in Indiana <i>Marion County Court</i>	Non-Profit Fundraising <i>Fatima Johnson</i>	Medicine and Adoption <i>Dr. Michele Zormeier</i>
4:20–6:20	Comparing and Contrasting Hague vs. Non-Hague Adoption <i>U.S. State Department Representative</i>	Emotional Communication and Children <i>Dr. Sheila Kozler & Kristin Kimberlin, LCSW</i>	Foreign Attorneys and Adoption Service Provider Vender Tables – Open

The Fatherless Foundation Dinner and Auction: 6:00 – 8:30 pm to raise funds for orphan care and adoption. Tickets are \$15.00 per person. This is a family friendly event.

Saturday, October 1

8:00 – 9:00am	Breakfast and Registration. Vender Tables are open.		
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome and Introduction to day’s sessions		
9:20 – 10:20	It’s not just about the Adoptive Parents! <i>Panel of Adoption Triad</i>	Adoption as a Single Parent <i>Shalimar Scott, Adoptive Mother</i>	Home Study 101 for Adoptive Parents <i>Kathy Slaughter, LCSW</i>
10:30 – 11:50	Special Needs & Older Child Adoption <i>Panel</i>	Racism & My Child <i>Judy Miller, Author and Adoptive Mother</i>	Adoption Risks Domestic and International <i>Michele L. Jackson, J.D.</i>
12:00 – 1:00	Carolyn Twietmeyer, Founder and Director of Project HOPEFUL. Session in gym, lunch is provided.		
1:10 – 2:10	Fathers in Adoption <i>Panel of Adoptive Fathers</i>	Adoption from Bulgaria <i>VESTA, Bulgarian Agency</i>	Adoption vs. Normal <i>Judy Miller, Author and Adoptive Mother</i>
2:20 – 3:20	Family & Friends Session <i>Panel</i>	Balancing Profession and Family After Adoption <i>Wayne DeVeydt, CFO WellPoint</i>	Affording Adoption Resources <i>Panel</i>
3:30 – 4:20	Navigating School-based Services <i>Teachers and Adoptive Mothers</i>	HIV/AIDS & Adoption <i>Carolyn Twietmeyer, Founder & Director of Project HOPEFUL</i>	Sensory Issues <i>Candice Thompson, OT</i>
4:30 – 6:30	Afro-Caribbean Hair/Skin Care <i>Uzuri Asad, b.Fly Consulting</i>	Parenting & Adoption Course <i>Brooke Randolph, LMHC</i>	Preparing Your Child’s Lifebook <i>Elizabeth Nelson</i>

MLJ Adoptions, Inc.’s Annual Adoption Picnic on Sunday, October 2nd from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Free and family friendly!

All courses will count for CEU credit EXCEPT for those highlighted in PINK.