

Concerned Persons for Adoption (CPFA)

2025 Program and Events Calendar

as of 2/1/25

www.cpfanj.org

Celebrating over 50 Years as an Adoption Support Group!

Each year CPFA has family social events, four book group meetings, virtual “Can We Talk” discussions, as well as an annual family conference. *We hope you will join us!* Please check our website, www.cpfanj.org, for updates, and follow us on Facebook (Concerned Persons for Adoption-CPFA NJ) and Instagram (@CPFA_NJ).

Saturday, February 22, 2:00-4:00 pm: Bowling Party for the Whole Family – Hanover Lanes, East Hanover NJ

Come connect with adoptive families while bowling. Bowling and shoes are covered. Snacks and beverages available.

Saturday, March 8, 5:30-8:00 pm: Heritage Theme Adult Potluck Dinner – Morristown Masonic Lodge, Morristown, NJ

Join us for a night to celebrate CPFA and our heritage. Relax, have fun and connect with other families from all stages of international and domestic adoption process. Share a dish of your heritage and sample other delicious food from countries, including (but not limited to!) Korea, China, India, Colombia, Ethiopia, Russia, Ukraine, and Guatemala.

Thursday, April 24, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm: CPFA Adoption Book Group

This book will be sure challenge us on many levels. Join us as we discuss “The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store” by James McBride. All meetings will be held in-person at Florham Park Diner, 182 Ridgedale Avenue, Florham Park, NJ 07932 (note location change). Visit www.cpfanj.org for more details. To view the book please visit <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/65678550-the-heaven-earth-grocery-store>.

Friday, May 2 (Tentative), 8:00 pm-9:30 pm: “Can We Talk?” (via Zoom)

Join us via Zoom to hear a presentation by adoption professionals and adoptive parents. Participation is always encouraged to share ideas and learn from others. Specific topic to be determined. Register via our website or email to receive the day of event link.

Thursday, July 24, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm, CPFA Adoption Book Group

Please join us for a lively and thought-provoking discussion on “The Berry Pickers” by Amanda Peters. All meetings will be held in-person at Florham Park Diner, 182 Ridgedale Avenue, Florham Park, NJ 07932 (note location change). Visit www.cpfanj.org for more details. To view the book please visit <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/123036004-the-berry-pickers>.

A Saturday in July/August, Date and Time TBA-CPFA Summer Family Picnic!

Come join our group of adoptive families for a fun afternoon in the sun and water at Sunrise Lake in Lewis Morris Park. Please bring a picnic meal for your family, chairs, towels, and beach toys. CPFA will supply snacks and drinks. You will find us under the beach tent! Attendance into Sunrise Lake is free, but you must register

with us. Admission does not include the Wibit water feature; families may pay for that separately. For details on Sunrise Lake Beach Club please visit <https://www.morrisparks.net/facilities/lewis-morris-county-park-sunrise-lake-beach/>. More details to follow.

Friday in September/October (Tentative), 8:00 pm-9:30 pm: “Can We Talk?” (via Zoom)

Join us via Zoom to hear a presentation by adoption professionals and adoptive parents. Participation is always encouraged to share ideas and learn from others. Specific topic to be determined. Register via our website or email to receive the day of event link.

Saturday, October 18, 8:30 am-2:00 pm, CPFA’s 11th Family Conference (tentative)

Please join us for our tenth “Family Conference” that will feature topics that are sure to be of interest to many families, including workshops for prospective parents, adoptive parents and children ages eight to teens. More information to come.

Thursday, October 23, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm, CPFA Adoption Book Group

Please join our discussion on “Unnatural Selection: A Memoir of Adoption and Wilderness” by Andrea Ross. The conversation will be sure to be lively. All meetings will be held in-person at Florham Park Diner, 182 Ridgedale Avenue, Florham Park, NJ 07932 (note location change). Visit www.cpfanjanj.org for more details. To view the book please visit <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/54394278-unnatural-selection>.

November, National Adoption Month

Holiday Donations, November to early December:

We will offer the opportunity to donate through our website so CPFA may purchase holiday gifts and/or gift cards for foster children within the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P), CASA or other organizations that support children in foster care/or have been in foster care. Website will be updated with further information in early November.

RECENT EVENTS

Thursday, January 23, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm: CPFA Adoption Book Group

Please join us for a thought-provoking discussion on “Austerlitz” by *W.G. Sebald*. All meetings will be held in-person at Panera Bread, 187 Colombia Turnpike, Florham Park. Visit www.cpfanjanj.org for more details. To view the book please visit: <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/88442.Austerlitz>.

Friday, January 31, 8:00 pm-9:30 pm: Can We Talk? Navigating Birth Parent Relationships

Join us via Zoom to hear a presentation by adoption professionals about navigating relationships with your child’s birth parents. It can be complicated and can be one of the hardest parts about being an adoptive parent. This talk will explore why connections and relationships with birth parents are so meaningful and beneficial to your child’s well-being. We will discuss ways to search, encourage and support the relationship between your child and their birth parents and ways to prepare and respond to challenges that may occur arise. Visit www.cpfanjanj.org for details and registration.

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Concerned Persons For Adoption (CPFA) is a non-profit organization in the State of New Jersey dedicated to the belief that every child deserves a family. CPFA is not an adoption agency, but a volunteer organization working to support those who wish to adopt, and to provide educational and networking resources for those who have adopted.