

Keynote Speakers

Robert Ballard

Ph. D., Assistant Professor of Communication, Waterloo University, Canada, editor of *Pieces of Me: by and for adopted teens and adult adoptee*

Debbie Riley

M.S., Founder and CEO of CASE (Center for Adoption Support and Education) of MD whose staff created the *WISE Up! Power Book*, author of *Beneath the Mask* and adoptive parent

Gregory Keck

Ph.D., founder of the Attachment Center of Ohio, author of *Parenting Adopted Adolescents*, *Adopting the Hurt child* and *Parenting the Hurt Child* and adoptive parent

Adoption Stories

Helping Adopted Youth Understand & Explain Their Adoption

Afternoon focus on development

preschool
school age
tweens
teens

Date & Time

March 6, 2010
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Place

Head-Royce School
4315 Lincoln Avenue
Oakland, CA 94602

Registration

8:00 – 9:00 am
Conference starts promptly
at 9:00 am.

Tickets & Directions

Confirmation letters will be
mailed upon receipt of
registration.

Book Sale

Come early for the
best book selection.

Lunch

Lunch and drinks provided.
Vegetarian choices
included.

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presents its 13th annual
Spring Training

The experience of being adopted can create a complicated mix of emotions for a child. Add to that the common experience of being asked to "tell their story," children and youth are left to figure out their own narrative, fill in the gaps and find the boundaries for what part of their story is theirs alone and what they share with their families and the world.

Join us for a day-long conference where we will take a developmental approach to exploring the issues of youth in their journey towards understanding and explaining their adoption story both for themselves and for those around them who may be curious or interested.

Robert Ballard

will address the narrative burden that is part of every adoptees journey, offering suggestions for what is required for adopted children and youth to feel in control of their own story.

Debbie Riley

will then present a developmental model for understanding how children process adoption and in turn how adults can give them practical tools for handling questions about their story from peers and strangers.

Gregory Keck

will conclude the morning with a discussion of the additional tasks that impact developmental maturation under the circumstances of adoption and how developmental milestones change according to their story.

The afternoon will focus on practical suggestions and specific tools that can be used by children in various age groups. Robert Ballard will address the necessary attitudes that parents must "adopt" to respect their children's story. Debbie Riley will explore the utility of the Wise Up! curriculum for school age children and new applications for older children. Greg Keck will address the ways that parents can manage their own expectations and support youth as they work towards independence - ready or not!

There will be ample time at the end of the day for questions.

Hurry To Register

Pact, An Adoption Alliance
For credit card registration by phone: 510.243.9460
by fax: 510.243.9970 online: www.pactadopt.org

Pact members: \$ 85 per person

Non-members: \$110 per person

*Registration includes lunch (vegetarian options available) and materials.
Registrations after February 15th will be charged a \$25 per person late fee.*

*A limited number of scholarships are available,
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