

Adoption/Foster Family Camp

“Connections That Last a Lifetime”

Monday, October 10, 2011 – Hunt Retreat in Brookshire
All day camp for parents and children

Parent Only Training: 6:00 – 8:00 P.M., August 31, September 7 & 28, October 5, 12, & 19
(Childcare is provided for these seminars)

Legacy685 (Adoption/Foster/Orphan Ministry at Houston’s First Baptist) and Mary Ring, MAMFC, LPC-S, LMFT-S, RPT-S, and other counselors are joining together to offer our Fourth Adoption Family Camp for adoptive and foster families. Mary Ring, a licensed professional counselor and a certified Theraplay® therapist will be leading the camp. She has trained under Dr. Karyn Purvis, the author of *The Connected Child*, and uses those principles for a foundation, but also adds other important information that considers the neurosequential development of the child, the consequential relationship development and the effects of any trauma and attachment issues involved. Mary Ring has worked extensively with adopted children, their families, foster care children, their foster parents and children living in overseas orphanages.

The goal of the camp is to provide attachment education and tools to help your child build healthy connections that will last a lifetime. There will be parent education sessions for you to learn as parents, and also your child will experience group time with their parents in Theraplay and sensory activities that are created just for their special need of learning to connect. As a child learns to connect with family, it serves as a necessary template as he/she learns to develop healthy relationships with others and with God.

Here are some of the comments from families that attended the Adoption Family Camp over the past year:

...One family relayed that the family camp began our experience with theraplay. We have seen amazing progress through theraplay and of course the activities are not only helping heal our kiddo's hearts, but also assisting us in building attachment as a family too. It has been a great blessing to us!

...Another family said that it made our girls and us feel more connected, which resulted in calmer children giving more eye contact!

...After attending the camp one family said that for the first time since my daughter has been home she actually maintained eye contact for our entire dinner.

This camp is for **families with children of all ages.**

The Six Parents Only Seminars will focus on:
(remember childcare is provided)

August 31st –

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Place: Houston’s First Baptist, Room 602

Topic: Foundations of Building a Connection That Lasts for a Lifetime

September 7th –

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Place: Houston's First Baptist, Room 602

Topic: Dealing with Sensory Issues

September 28th –

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Place: Houston's First Baptist, Room 602

Topic: Touch and Neurosequential Development

October 5th –

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Place: Houston's First Baptist, Room 602

Topic: Connecting and Correcting

October 10th – One day camp for children and parents together in multi-family groups, guided by counselors and camp buddies to carry out activities to apply information learned in parent seminars.

October 12th –

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Place: Houston's First Baptist, Room 602

Topic: Question and Answer about camp; Using Play to Connect

October 19th –

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Place: Houston's First Baptist Room 602

Topic: Developing Life Story; Final Question and Answer Time

The cost of the camp is \$150/per family for all 6 parenting seminars and 1 day of camp.

Registration is online at

<http://my.serviceu.com/public/EventDetails.asp?GF=&EventID=5200307&OccID=190360765&FormID=146370&RegType=1&Type=Reg&orgId=11929>

Or you can go to www.houstonsfirst.org under Upcoming Events and register under Adoptive Family Camp.

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Jeremiah 29:11 – “For I know the plans that I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.”

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