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CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF PSYCHOANALYTIC CHILD THERAPISTS

CAPCT Introduces: A Study & Discussion Group

“When Adoption is a Factor: Working with Adoptive Families”

In working with adoptive families, there is a need for more understanding of complexity of adoptive families and their unique relational and inner worlds. The relational worlds and formation of attachment in adoptive families are affected by a variety of factors brought by the adoption process itself. The challenges faced by adoptive families require post-adoption services designed to meet their unique needs. Psychoanalytic work and understanding can provide necessary input in the issues faced by adoptive families. In order to work psychoanalytically and help families after adoption of a child we need both to understand the inner worlds of the family members, the family dynamics as well as to have a good grasp of factors resulting from the adoption process itself.

We invite those who work currently, had worked in the past or are interested in working with parents and children touched by the entire spectrum of pre-adoption, adoption or post-adoption situations, to join us in this study and discussion group experience.

The study group leaders: **Michael Blugerman**, Executive Director, Children’s Resource and Consultation Centre of Ontario, and **Dagnija Tenne**, Vice-president, CAPCT.

Goals: To learn and share your knowledge and experience with

1. the psychological issues post-adoptive families face in their relational journey,
2. development of attachment as a basis of adoptive family,
3. factors resulting from the adoption process itself,
4. multicultural and interracial issues involving adoptive families,
5. integration of dynamics of the intra-psychic, interpersonal and external factors affecting the development of adoptive families

in order to

- i. expand your professional expertise regarding issues pertaining to adoption,
- ii. deepen understanding of the inner worlds of adoptive family members involved in psychoanalytic psychotherapy process and
- iii. create better services for adoptive families.

The study group is intended to proceed in an atmosphere of mutual learning, engaging in exploration of inner worlds of adoptive parents, adoptive child and the psychotherapist. Every group member is encouraged to contribute in discussions, ask questions and share one’s thoughts, knowledge, experience and expertise.

Please send any questions or specific areas of interest by email to suzanne_pearen@rogers.com

Dates: Wednesdays March 28, April 18, May 2, May 16, 2012.

Time: 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm

Location: Toronto Psychoanalytic Society & Institute, 40 St Clair E Toronto, ON M4T 1M9

Fee: CAPCT Members \$25 , Non- CAPCT Members \$50

Participants will receive *Continuing Education Credits*.

Please register **ONLINE** at www.capct.ca or contact Suzanne Pearen, Administrative Coordinator, CAPCT at suzanne_pearen@rogers.com