



"Making the Commitment to Adoption"

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Register online at
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/lexingtonspaulding>

Parkview Baptist Church
803 West 18th Street
Lexington, NE
August 26, 2016: 6:00 p.m. -9:30 p.m.
August 27, 2016: 8:00 a.m. -5:30 p.m.

The Spaulding program is offered to prospective adoptive families. Spaulding training offers families the tools and information that they need to:

- Explain how adoptive families are different
- Importance of separation, loss, and grief in adoption
- Understand attachment and its importance in adoption
- Anticipate challenges and be able to identify strategies for managing challenges as an adoptive family
- Explore the lifelong commitment to a child that adoption brings

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1) Exploring Expectations—Defining adoption, the process, and the key players. Participant's hopes and fears about the adoption process are recognized and empowerment strategies are identified to assist them in the process. Participant's explore their fantasies about children they might adopt to become aware of the possible influence on their decision about adoption.

August 27, 2016

8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

(one hour break for lunch)

2) Meeting the Needs of Waiting Children—Assist prospective adoptive parents in focusing on the needs of children awaiting adoption. Explore the issues of separation, loss, grief and attachment. Plus the unique issues related to parenting a child who has been sexually abused.

3) Exploring Adoption Issues—Identify supports within their family and introduce them to common issues that all adoptive families face. Help develop strategies for dealing with these issues; explore crisis periods in adoption; explore their own strengths, needs and challenges as they consider adoption.

4) Making the Commitment—Assist prospective adoptive parents in considering resources they may need, what they need to know, what they need to do, and what they need to explore about themselves as they consider adopting a particular child or children.

Registration Form – Spaulding Training | Lexington | August 2016

Name: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Register by mail: NFAPA, 2431 Fairfield Street, Suite C, Lincoln, NE 68521 | 4 02-476-2273 | Toll-Free 877-257-0176

Or by email: nichollette@nfapa.org

WESTERN AREA

SUPPORT GROUPS

Alliance Support Group:

Farmer's State Bank Building, 1320 W. 3rd St., entrance in rear
6:00—7:30 pm
Please RSVP to Jolie at (308) 672-3658
September 15, October 20, November 17,
December 15

Scottsbluff Support Group:

Regional West Medical Center, South Plaza—Room 1204
6:00—7:30pm
Please RSVP to Jolie at (308) 672-3658
September 13, October 11, November 8, December 3

Kimball Support Group:

Kimball Baptist Fellowship Church, 507 S. Oak St.
6:00 – 7:30pm
Please RSVP to Jolie at (308) 672-3658
September 19, October 17, November 21, December 19

North Platte Support Group:

Mid Plains Center, 1101 Halligan Drive
6:00—8:00pm
Contact Terry Robinson at (402) 460-7296
October 6

Lexington Support Group:

Parkview Baptist Church, 803 West 18th St.
6:00—8:00pm
Contact Terry Robinson at (402) 460-7296
October 25

Gothenburg Support Group:

American Lutheran Church, 1512 Avenue G
6:00—8:00pm
Contact Terry Robinson at (402) 460-7296
August 18, September 15, October 20

Don't have time to make it to a support group?

Join us every Tuesday night from 9:00 – 10:00 pm (CST) for our
online support group - FACES.

Contact Terry Robinson at terry@nfapa.org for more information.

Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard (RPPS) training is required for ALL foster parents by December 31, 2016. RPPS is a provision of the Strengthening Families Act that passed Congress in 2014. It outlines how foster parents can exercise their best judgement as it relates to youths' activities and provide normalcy for youth in foster care. If you haven't completed the class yet contact one of our Resource Family Consultants for upcoming dates and locations.

Resource Family Consultants:

Jolie Camden, Western RFC: (308) 672-3658

Terry Robinson, Central/Southwestern: (402) 460-7296