

A-OK Support Group

(Adopting-Oregon's Kids)

Topics for Discussion – TENTATIVE Agenda for 2008

January

Guest speaker: Lynn Stott (from DHS, Salem – Adoptions worker)

- After a home study - what next?
- Adoption Committee – what things are considered and what is the “deciding factor”?

February

VIDEO: Teenagers Talk About Being Adopted (45 minute video followed by brief discussion)

March

Guest speaker: Sara Monahan

- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

April

TENTATIVE: TRAINING by Oregon Post Adoption Resource Center

- Lifestory Books: A Communication Tool

May

Guest speaker: Beth Edens from PLAN Loving Adoptions Now

- Transracial adoption Issues; and/or
- Sibling Relationships

June

Guest speaker: Kris Anderson (from NAMI and OFSN)

- Mental Health Issues in Children; and/or Youth Depression and Suicide

July

- TBD

August

Guest speaker: Leah Skipworth, Capitol & Mid-Willamette Valley Regional Trainer (from OR Parent Training & Information Center)

- IEP Basics/101 Questions & Answers

September

TBD

October

VIDEO: Tender Healing (Discipline, Transitions, and Attachment)

(45 minute video followed by brief discussion)

November

TENTATIVE: Guest speaker: Carrie Geibel

- Dealing with Sexually Acting-Out Behaviors in Children

December

TENTATIVE: Guest speaker: Jean Vanlue, M.A., M.F.T

- Interactions with Biological Families in Adoption, and/or
- How to Talk to Kids about Adoption