



A Program of Northwest Resource Associates

Race & Adoption

A Conversation Project with Oregon Humanities

Training Description

The decision to adopt across racial or cultural lines is a lifelong commitment to exploring matters of race and identity, confronting racism in all its forms, and developing new skills and perspectives. In this conversation, facilitator Astrid Castro will ask participants to explore questions such as: What role do race and racism play in your family? What are the personal experiences that inform how you talk to adopted children in your life about where they are from? Where do you need to grow to be the best resource you can be for children who are adopted? While particularly of relevance to families directly in transracial adoptive families, this conversation will also raise questions of how we talk to children about important issues like race and identity, adoption, and cultural appropriation. Visit the following website to watch a video featuring Astrid Castro discuss the topic of transracial adoption:

<http://oregonhumanities.org/programs/conversation-project/catalog/race-and-adoption/>

Presenter

Astrid Castro has traveled the country for more than twenty years leading and presenting groups, talks, and workshops on adoption and race. Astrid co-authored *Adoption in the Movies*, developed an innovative evidence-based training DVD: *Adoptive Parent Training*, and was a contributing author for the book *Parents As Adoptees*. Her personal experiences as an adoptee, as a woman of color, and of growing up in a white family and community, fuel her professional path to helping others.



When: Tuesday, February 19, 2019

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Where: Salem Hospital, Building A, Rooms A61 & A62
890 Oak Street SE, Salem, OR 97301

Park in Visitor Parking. In Building A, take elevator to 7th Floor. The room is the left after leaving the elevator.

Registration: Register by calling ORPARC at 503-241-0799, 1-800-764-8367, or email orparc@nwresource.org

ORPARC trainings are free-of-charge to DHS/state adoptive, foster and assisted guardianship families, and DHS/SNAC adoption professionals, and other participants as space allows. Trainings are held in accessible locations. Auxiliary aids and alternative forms of written materials are available to persons with disabilities. Foreign language interpretation is available upon request. Request these services two weeks in advance.