



Adoptive Family Youth Support

Join Us! for fellowship, support, education, and fun – for ages 11 to 18.

Parent group, youth group, and activities for children ages 2 through 10 run concurrently. Meets on the second Thursday of each month at Adoption Network Cleveland. Potluck meal for families. Free childcare. Donations accepted.

2015-2016 YOUTH DATES AND TOPICS

October 8

Getting to Know Me

What is your brand? How do you define yourself?

Youth will identify their strengths and how they can use them to control their brand through communication and the way they represent themselves. Youth will explore how their “brand” of adoption impacts their identity while introducing their brand to the group.

November 12

National Adoption Month Celebration!

December 5

Annual Holiday Party

Saturday afternoon gathering and fun for all ages

Food, games, sports

MultiPlex Sports Complex, 18909 S Miles Rd, Cleveland, OH 44128

January 14

Strong Beginnings

Youth will reflect on their year identifying their hopes and wishes for the new year. They will be challenged to make a commitment for the new year and identify how they can utilize their strengths to be successful.

February 11

Control, ALT, Delete (Control)

Youth will consider the issue of control in their lives as it relates to adoption. They will discuss what it means to be “in control” and “out of control” as well as things they can and cannot control in their lives.

March 10

Who’s Got Your Back?

Youth will identify committed, caring adults whom they can rely on and trust. Once identified, youth will determine how these individuals can provide or might be able to provide support to them through the transitions in their lives.

April 14

Call Me Maybe (Communication)

Youth will understand effective communication techniques and how good communication can affect feelings and relationships with family and friends while identifying bridges and barriers to good communication and practicing good communication skills.

May 12

What’s Love Got to Do With It? (Relationships/Intimacy)

Youth will gain an understanding of how to create meaningful close emotional connections to others while learning effective communication in healthy relationships.

June 9

Celebrate Me! (Celebrations)

Youth will examine their strengths and accomplishments and identify positive ways to celebrate the successes in their lives.

July

Summer Break - No Meeting

TIME

6:00 to 8:00 pm – Potluck dinner served between 6:00 and 6:30 pm.

RSVP BY MONDAY PRIOR TO THE MEETING

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