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CALIFORNIA ADOPTION CONFERENCE



## California Adoption Conference **2016**

for birth parents • adoptive parents • foster parents • adoptees  
foster alums • siblings • extended family • professionals, including  
social workers, therapists, psychologists, teachers and advocates

**includes workshops, lunch and keynote address**

**Saturday, March 19, 2016**  
**8:30 am–4:30 pm**

St. Paul's School, 116 Montecito Avenue, Oakland, CA

[www.pactadopt.org/cac2016](http://www.pactadopt.org/cac2016)

\$95 Early Bird (before Feb 15), \$110 Pre-registered (by March 14), \$135 (at the door)

### **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

#### **Exploring Feelings about Adoption with Children**

A challenge to our understanding of children's feelings about adoption is lack of accurate and complete knowledge of how a child "internalizes their story." Keynote speaker Jeanette Yoffe's current work (*see bio on reverse side*) is aimed at helping families stay attuned to "the inner life" of their child's narrative. When this is done well, the child feels acknowledged, heard, and validated, which instills meaning, purpose, and love.

#### **Sponsors**



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## Professional Training

\$50/person — includes training, lunch, materials and CEUs

**Friday, March 18, 2016**

**8:30 am–3 pm**

*5 CEU hours available*

Wendte Hall, 685 14th Street, Oakland, CA 94612

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## Groundbreaking Interventions for Working with Traumatized Children, Teens & Families in Foster Care & Adoption

This interactive workshop is designed to familiarize professionals with new and imaginative ways for working with traumatized children in foster care and adoption and their families. Participants will be provided with a wide variety of attachment and trauma informed play-based methodologies and interventions that have proven successful in working with children over the age of five in foster care and adoption. There will be structured treatment activities, examples, and a detailed handout explaining the goals of treatment, materials needed, and the “how to” approach for each methodology.



**Jeanette Yoffe, MFT**, is a licensed psychotherapist at the Celia Center ([celiacenter.org](http://celiacenter.org)). She specializes in treating psychological and emotional challenges related to adoption and/or foster care. She performs intervention trainings for adoptees, foster and adoptive parents, psychotherapists and social workers as well as monthly support groups called Adopt Salon. Her passion for her work stems from her own experience growing up in foster care and being adopted at the age of seven and a half. She is author of the book *Groundbreaking Interventions*. Jeanette is adopted herself, her birth mother is Argentinian and her birth father is Irish; she was raised by Jewish adoptive parents.