

## Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**CEUs:** Counts toward foster parent & adoption training and/or Hague training requirements for adopting parents.

- YES, I want CEU hours. I understand an additional \$35 is required to receive CEUs licensed through the Board of Behavioral Sciences.  
I am an ((complete one))
  - LCSW/MFT License # \_\_\_\_\_
  - other \_\_\_\_\_

## Fee Info

- Prior to Feb 15th: \$95 per person  
*(early bird special)*
- After February 15th: \$110 per person
- At the door: \$135 per person

**Please plan ahead!**

Online registration closes **March 10th**

## Payment Info

Make checks payable to Pact

Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information, or to register online, go to: [www.pactadopt.org](http://www.pactadopt.org).

To register by mail, tear off this form and mail with a check payable "Pact" to: **Pact, 5515 Doyle Street #1, Emeryville, CA 94608**

**Scholarships available for underserved members of the adoption and foster care community including birth parents and others in need.**

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**if you are interested in becoming**  
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## The Experience of Adoption and Foster Care

### Supporting Children's Feelings, Behaviors and Journey



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

**Saturday**

**March 14, 2015**

**8:30 am – 5:00 pm**

**St. Paul's School**

**116 Montecito Avenue, Oakland**

**6.5 continuing education credits  
(CEUs)**

## Register today

### Space is limited!



In the best of all possible worlds every

## adopted person

and

## fostered person

is like a tree in a grove, which represents the adults surrounding them, including

## birth parents

who represent the roots of their identity tree and

## adoptive or foster parents

who form new branches of their identity tree.

A collection of loved ones surround them whether connected by roots or by branches, including birth parents and foster and adoptive parents. Other caregivers make up the grove—friends, brothers and sisters, caregivers and helping professionals of all kinds—teachers, therapists, social workers, medical professionals and mentors.

Join us for this day-long opportunity to learn more about the experiences of members of the adoption and foster care family and community as well as learn from expert professionals in the field to become more attuned to the needs and issues of adopted and fostered children and adults as well as their family members.



**Susan Dusza  
Guerra Leksander,  
MFT**

**First (Birth)  
Families:  
Relating with Integrity,  
Creating Opportunities for  
Y/Our Children**

Susan is a transracially adopted person and a first/birth mother. Susan will address what is possible in relationships with first families, what these connections mean to adopted people and children and how adoptive and foster parents can support their children's needs.

Susan Dusza Guerra Leksander, LMFT, is currently Clinical Supervisor at a community mental health agency specializing in adoption and foster care.



**Regina  
Shields,  
PhD & MFT**

**Finding Balance  
in Adoption and  
Foster Care: Attachment,  
Baggage, Behavior and  
Discipline**

Regina will explore research-based insight and practical guidance for adoptive parents as she explores parenting strategies that promote attachment, help children process their feelings about being adopted and give children room to find their full identity.

Regina Shields, PhD, MFT, is a licensed psychologist practicing in Oakland. She works with children, adolescents, couples and adults.

This conference includes keynote presentations and smaller group workshops. Workshop tracks will include:

- Specifics for Adopted & Fostered Youth Ages 0 to 5
- Specifics for Adopted & Fostered Youth Ages 6 to 12
- Specifics for Adopted & Fostered Youth in Adolescence
- Specifics for Adopted & Fostered Adults
- General Issues Related to Adoption and Foster Care
- Preparing to Adopt
- Professionals Working with Adopted & Fostered Youth and their Families
- Private Adult Adoptee and Birth Parent Lounges (available all day)