
ADOPTION CONFERENCE

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The Story of Adoption: Telling Our Children the Hard Truths

Presented By: Chadwick Sapenter, Motivational Speaker and Leslie Wright, LCSW, LFSV

Throughout this conference we will hear information about the importance of being transparent and honest with our children about their adoption stories. But what do we actually say to our children, especially if the truth involves things like abandonment, substance abuse, rape, or serious criminal history? How do we explain abstract social concepts like poverty or neglect to young children when it's hard for even adults to understand? Join us as we develop the tools and language needed for discussing these difficult topics with children, while emphasizing the importance of attunement when sharing stories and supporting attachment. We will explore issues related to the effects of separation, grief and loss on child development and communication skills required to work with children and families.

NOVEMBER 7, 2016

8:30am—4:00pm
First Presbyterian Church
820 Colonial Avenue
Norfolk, VA 23507

Cost \$50.00

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**Continental Breakfast
and Lunch Included!**

Plus Door Prizes!

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