

Adoptive Parents Get Answers to Tough Questions at the Largest Adoption Information Fair in the Pacific Northwest

PORTLAND, Ore. – October 24, 2012 – The Coalition of Oregon Adoption Agencies, Adoption Mosaic and Warner Pacific College present the 5th annual FREE Adoption Information Fair on Saturday, November 3, 2012 from 12:00 am to 4:30 pm at Warner Pacific College in Portland, OR. Adoption agencies will be available to help prospective adoptive parents learn about options for their families and about the details of the adoption process, including time, cost and how to begin.

To highlight November as National Adoption Awareness Month, Adoption Information Fair visitors can find answers to questions such as: Is adoption right for me? Where do I start? How long does it take? The fair will also feature free mini-sessions on topics:

- Adoption Internationally
- Open/Domestic Adoption
- Adoption & LGBTQ Families
- How to Get Started in Adoption
- Financing Your Adoption
- Parent/Child Attachment
- Transracial Adoption
- State Foster Care Adoption
- Adult Adoptee Panel

“The Adoption Fair is a platform where families interested in adoption can have access to multiple adoption agencies, learn about other local adoption-related organizations and begin to educate themselves about the adoption experience in a safe, open environment,” said Astrid Dabbeni, Executive Director of Adoption Mosaic, a nonprofit whose primary focus is on providing education, support and resources to the adoption community.

The Coalition of Oregon Adoption Agencies (COAA) consists of over 22 adoption agencies that are licensed in Oregon. COAA member agencies meet monthly to share information on adoption practices, discuss legislation regarding adoptions, network, support and trainings. www.oregonadoptionagencies.org

Adoption Mosaic is a Portland-based nonprofit that provides adoption related education and support to the community. It offers a variety of workshops, events and resources to adoptive parents, youth and adult adoptees, birth parents and adoption and mental health professionals. Adoption Mosaic is not an adoption agency. www.adoptionmosaic.org

Warner Pacific College is centrally located in the eclectic SE Portland neighborhood. 2219 Southeast 68th Avenue, Portland, OR 97215. <http://www.warnerpacific.edu>

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