Through the Eyes of Children

ADOPTION:
A Developmental Perspective

We are excited to offer two different training opportunities for parents:

**Night Conference**
**Monday, April 27, 2020**
6:00–8:00 pm
**Location**
Children’s Home Society
Admin Building A
801 N. Sycamore Ave
Sioux Falls, SD
**Cost**
Free
**Certification**
2 hours for annual training requirements
**Register Online**
chssd.org/adoptconf

**Day Conference**
**Tuesday, April 28, 2020**
Registration:
8:00–8:30 am
Conference:
8:30 am–4:30 pm
**Location**
Our Savior’s Lutheran Church
909 W. 33rd Street
Sioux Falls, SD
**Cost**
$15, includes on-site lunch
**Certification**
7 hours for annual training requirements
**Register Online**
chssd.org/adoptconf

4th Annual Adoption Conference for Parents

**Distinguished Speaker**
Mari Itzkowitz

Mari Itzkowitz, LCSW is Director of Clinical Services for the Center for Adoption Support and Education (C.A.S.E.) of Maryland and Virginia. She has 20 years of experience providing clinical services to foster and adoptive families.

Mari is a lead trainer for the C.A.S.E. National Training Institute, providing training and education to professionals and parents. She is a key facilitator of the “Train the Trainer” program for C.A.S.E.’s Training in Adoption Competency (TAC) program.

Mari is also a member of the C.A.S.E. team who produced Beneath the Mask: For Teen Adoptees—Teens and Young Adults Share Their Stories.

**Conference Objectives**
- Gain an in-depth understanding of what children think and feel about adoption from a developmental lens.
- Learn how to talk to children in foster care about adoption and permanency.
- Recognize the importance of birth family to children in foster and adoptive families.
- Examine the factors that impact children’s mental health including loss and grief and trauma.
- Discuss the importance of adoption-competent treatment.

This conference is made possible through the joint support of Children's Home Society Community Based Services and the Department of Social Services.

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