

# Pre-Adoption Education and Training



A Love Beyond Borders contracts with [Colorado Adoption Consultants](#) to provide the required pre-adoption education classes to adoptive families which will fulfill or exceed Hague and State of Colorado's pre-adoption education criteria. Registration fees are paid by the adoptive applicants and all sessions are held at A Love Beyond Borders.

**Why the requirement of adoption-related training?** Many people who are adopting and already parenting in their home are reluctant to take what they perceive to be yet another "parenting class". You will quickly discover that these classes are not your typical parenting class. The focus is on adoption, adoption-parenting, and related issues and the skills necessary to parent a child joining your family through adoption. For those applicants who are not yet parents you will find these classes to be a great foundation for your early steps into parenting.

**Domestic Adoption:** State regulations require that adoptive applicants pursuing infant adoption within the US complete 12 hours of core training (soon to be 16 hours) and 4 hours of infant-specific education.

**International Adoption:** Adoptive applicants pursuing international adoption are required to complete 24 hours of pre-adoption education. **Hague Adoption:** Adoptive applicants pursuing adoption from a Hague Convention country are required to take 10-hours of Hague-compliant pre-adoption education. These topics are covered under Colorado's 24 hours of adoption education.

## CORE Adoption Training (16 credit hours) Registration

The topics included in this class offered by A Love Beyond Borders and Colorado Adoption Consultants include but are not limited to: attachment and bonding, grief and loss issues, adoption as a lifelong issue, key concepts of child growth and development, boundary setting and discipline, parenting a child of a different cultural or racial background, and medical issues. **Please register for one of the following 2-day sessions:**

**Sept. Core:** Friday September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 12:00 noon – 8:00 p.m. / Saturday September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010 8:00 a.m - 5:00 p.m.

**Nov. Core:** Friday November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 12:00 noon – 8:00 p.m. / Saturday November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 8:00 a.m - 5:00 p.m.

**Location:** All sessions are at A Love Beyond Borders, 2022 Hudson Street, Denver CO 80207.

**Cost:** \$360 Couple/ \$180 single. Pre-payment is required to hold your reservation as space is limited. Please make out checks to Colorado Adoption Consultants if not previously paid to A Love Beyond Borders.

**Included with your fee:** Friday's classes are from 12 noon to 8 pm and a light dinner will be served. Saturday's classes are from 8 am to 5 pm and continental breakfast is included. Snacks will be available and you are welcome to bring your own snacks and beverages. Classes are very small and informal so please feel free to dress casually and for comfort.

**Cancellation Policy:** Cancellations less than two weeks prior to class are non-refundable; however, payment can be applied to the next available similar class. Cancellations made greater than two weeks prior will receive a full refund minus a \$25 processing fee, or the full payment can be applied to a class at a future date.

Class may be postponed to the following scheduled session if an insufficient number of participants are registered. Registrants will be notified and payments can be applied to a future class.

**Education for a Lifetime:** Once you've completed the Colorado requirements we are confident you'll want to learn more about the topics touched upon in the sessions or invite friends and family to learn with you. Many adoptive parents take brush-up classes once their child is home and/or as issues develop.

Additional classes available through Colorado Adoption Consultants include but are not limited to:

- How to Talk So Kids Will Listen
- The "Nuts and Bolts": Parenting for Attachment
- Sensory Integration and Adoption
- Adopting the Older Child
- Becoming a Love and Logic Parent
- Modify Your World: The Transition Home
- Relative Racism
- Racism and Identity: Your child's journey inward

Private Classes: Customized, private in-home training is an optional service provided by Colorado Adoption Services.

Visit the Colorado Adoption Consultants website for complete list of classes at [www.coloradoadoptionconsultants.org](http://www.coloradoadoptionconsultants.org)

**Questions:** If you have any questions or are interested in taking any additional classes, please contact

A Love Beyond Borders at 303-333-1572 or Cheri Van Winkle, MSW at Colorado Adoption Consultants at 303.204.0572.