

The Barker Adoption Foundation's Adoption Training

Adoption Training

Pre-Adoption Training is designed to help you think about both the rewards and the challenges of adoption and the life-long adoption issues that are involved. All prospective adoptive parents must complete the training before beginning the home study.

Pre-Adoption Training (NTDC) for all Barker programs

Pre-Adoption Training (NTDC) training is 24 hours (6 hours over 4 days) and is intended to educate, support, and prepare families who will be adopting a child through the US foster care system, international or private domestic process. Families will enhance core competencies and gain skills to effectively parent children from a variety of different backgrounds, who have experienced trauma, separation and loss. Through shared learning with others and with the facilitation of an experienced professional and parent team, we believe that families can provide the healing environment that children need. This training may be taken prior to application or during the paperwork process, but must be completed before a family enters the home study process. The certificate of completion is valid for 3 years.

Considerations in Transracial Adoption Training

This one-day training is required for all Barker families who are pursuing a transracial / transcultural adoption, to include all families where at least one parent's race or heritage will be different from that of their child. If applying as a couple, both parents must attend the training. For domestic families this training should be completed prior to social worker assignment for the home study process, or home study update. This training may be credited to meet this requirement for up to five years after completion.

To register for these sessions, visit the Barker Adoption Foundation website at:

<https://www.barkeradoptionfoundation.org/about-us/events>

1. On the Event Calendar page, select the **Event Type** Prospective Adoptive Parent Training in the dropdown list.
2. From the list of upcoming adoption training choose the appropriate training:
Pre-Adoption Training (NTDC).
3. Choose date of the training you wish to attend click the link for the detailed registration information page.
4. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click **Register Now**.
5. Complete the online registration form and pay with your credit card using PayPal – *you do not need a PayPal account to pay for the training*