

Radio Show about Adoption

The internet radio show, *Creating a Family*, started in October 2007 as a labor of love and has now grown to be the top rated adoption podcast on iTunes. Host Dawn Davenport, an adoption educator, writer, and consultant, realized that adoptive parents would enjoy and benefit from listening to her interviews with the top experts in adoption. The topics on *Creating a Family* cover pre and post adoption issues for all forms of adoption. Dawn has written extensively on these subjects, including an adoption book published by Random House.

Creating a Family can be heard either at the radio page of www.CreatingaFamily.com or downloaded as a free podcast from iTunes. There is no charge for either listening or downloading. The best part of internet radio is that all old shows are archived at the radio page of www.CreatingaFamily.com and can be heard at any time. The show airs every Wednesday from 12:00 to 1:00 PM Eastern Time, and listeners can e-mail questions in advance or call into the show to speak directly with the guest. Email Dawn@creatingafamily.com to sign up for a weekly email notice of the upcoming show topic.

Previous guests on Creating a Family have included Deborah Gray (*Attaching in Adoption*), Sherrie Eldridge (*Twenty Things Adopted Kids Wish Their Adoptive Parents Knew*), Mary Hopkins-Best (*Toddler Adoption*), Dr. Jane Aronson (international adoption doctor and founder of Worldwide Orphans Foundation), Gregory Keck (*Parenting the Hurt Child*), Dr. Foster Cline (*Love and Logic* and *Can This Child Be Saved*), Elizabeth Pantley (*The No-Cry Sleep Solution*), Dr. Julian Davies (FAS and Adoption), and Dr. Edward Hallowell (*Driven to Distraction-ADD*). Below is a list of all the adoption shows (the other half of the shows are on infertility and have not been included here). Just go to www.CreatingaFamily.com and click on the radio page to either hear these shows or download them as a podcast.

2009 Upcoming Shows

April 1 Corruption in International Adoption

Is international adoption inherently corrupt? Does international adoption have a place in international child welfare? What countries are the most corrupt? What can adoptive parents do to avoid unethical practices in international adoption? Guests Tom DiFilipo, with the Joint Council of International Children's Services, David Smolin, professor of law and research into ethics of international adoption, and Song Linh, Director of Ethica (an organization promoting ethics in international adoption) will discuss these questions.

April 8 How Old is Too Old to Become a Parent

Age is just a number-or is it? How old is too old to become a parent either through donor egg, donor embryo, or adoption. What is fair to the child, what's fair to you, what's fair to your spouse? Psychotherapist Helen Adrienne will discuss the implications of age on parenting.

2009 Archived Shows

March 25: Adopting the Older Child

We will explore the rewards and challenges of adopting older children with Debbie Riley, adoption therapist, author (*Beneath the Mask - Understanding Adopted Teens*), and Executive Director of The Center for Adoption Support and Education

Feb. 25 Domestic Adoption 101

Everything you wanted to know about domestic adoption, but were afraid to ask. My guest will be Elizabeth Swire Falker, author of *The Ultimate Insider's Guide to Adoption*.

Feb. 4: Should You Accept This Referral or Birth Mother Match?

Deciding whether to accept the referral or match for a child is the biggest decision an adoptive parent has to make. We will talk with Dr. Dana Johnson, Director of the International Adoption Clinic at the University of Minnesota and Professor of Neonatology, about what factors are red flags, what questions to ask, and how to interpret the scant medical history provided

Jan. 28 Embryo Adoption

What exactly is embryo adoption/donation and who is eligible? Where can you find an embryo to adopt and how do you do it?

Jan 21: Raising a Child with Attention Deficit Disorder

I will interview Dr. Edward Hallowell, author of numerous books on ADD, including SuperParenting for ADD, and Driven to Distraction, about parenting techniques that work with children with ADHD.

2008 Archived Shows

Jan. 2 Special issues facing adoptive families

I will interview Dr. Joyce Maguire Pavao, a family therapist specializing in adoptive families and author of the book The Family of Adoption. We will discuss how to talk with kids about adoption, how to help our kids feel good about themselves, and how does parenting an adopted child differ from parenting a birth child. Dr. Pavao has over 30 years experience working with families formed through adoption and was adopted herself.

Jan. 23 The Ups and Downs of Adopting a Toddler

I will interview Mary Hopkins-Best, author of Toddler Adoption: The Weaver's Craft, about the unique rewards and challenges of adopting a toddler. We will discuss the differences between toddler and infant adoption, how toddlers grieve, and transition tips.

Jan. 30 Health Issues with Internationally Adopted Children

I will interview Dr. Jane Aronson, international adoption doctor and founder of Worldwide Orphans Foundation, about the common health issues found in internationally adopted kids. We'll discuss fetal alcohol syndrome, parasites, AIDS, attachment issues and the typical affects of institutionalization.

Feb. 13 Parenting the Hurt Child/ Attachment 101

I will interview Gregory Keck, author of Parenting the Hurt Child and renowned expert in attachment and bonding. We'll talk about warning signs of attachment issues, RAD, and what parents can do.

Feb. 20 Post adoption Depression/ Transitioning to Parenthood

I will interview Karen Foli, author of The Post-Adoption Blues, about the early transition time for child and parent after an adoption, the signs and symptoms of post-adoption depression, who is at risk, and what works to help the parent and family.

March 12 Parenting with Love and Logic

I will interview Dr. Foster Cline, world renowned child psychiatrist and author of the Love and Logic series of books on parenting. These books on raising responsible children are required reading by many agencies.

March 19 Adoption 101

Deb Harder, an adoption social worker, and I will take your questions on all forms of adoption-domestic newborn, foster system and international. We will cover where to begin, how to finance,

the adoption tax credit, and the home study. We will generally cover the ins and outs of domestic and international adoption.

March 26 Adopting the Waiting Child

How do you find children in need of homes, what resources are available to help, what is meant by a child with “special needs”, and how do you know if it is the right choice for your family? I will interview Martha Osborne, founder of Rainbowkids.com and The Voice of Adoption Newsletter, and Merrily Ripley, adoptive mom and founder of Adoption Advocates International.

May 7 Affording Adoption

I will interview Rita Soronen, Executive Director of the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, and Angie Weldy, founder of www.affordingadoption.com, about grants, loans, tax benefits, employee benefits, and fundraising for adoption.

May 14 Adopting from Foster Care

I will interview Nancy Taft, a social worker with over 30 years experience with foster care adoption about what type of children are available, what is required, how to minimize the risks, and how to get subsidies. I will also interview a mother who is adopting three pre-schoolers from foster care.

June 11 No Cry Sleep Solution

I will interview Elizabeth Pantley, author of The No-Cry Sleep Solution, about how to get you kid to sleep at night and how to keep them there.

June 18 The Status of International Adoption Around the World

I will interview Tom DiFilipo, CEO of the Joint Council of International Children’s Services, and Michele Bond from the Department of State’s International Adoption section about the status of adoption in the major and minor placing countries.

June 25- Raising Your Spirited Child

I will interview Mary Sheedy Kurcinka, author of Raising Your Spirited Child, on parenting tips for raising a child who doesn’t fit the mold or is a little higher maintenance.

July 2- Transracial Adoption

I will interview Judy Stigger, author of Conspicuous Families, and Susan Cox, adoption worker and adult Korean adoptee about the pros and cons of transracial adopting and how it affects the family.

August 6: Future of Chinese Adoption and How the Kids are Doing Post Adoption

I will interview Dr. Tony Tan, Director of the China Adoption Research Program at the University of South Florida, and representatives of adoption agencies with programs in China.

August 27: Adopting for Russia, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan, Bulgaria, and surrounding Countries

I will interview Sue Gainor, Chairperson for the national parental support group, Families for Russian and Ukrainian Adoption; Carol Nelson, Director of Intake with Christian World Adoption; and Jamie Herlich, European Programs Manager for WACAP. We will discuss the current status of adoption from Russia Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Bulgaria and other Eastern European and Central Asian countries.

September 3: The Connected Child

I will interview Dr. Karyn Purvis, author of The Connected Child and Director of the Institute of Child Development at Texas Christian University, about attachment in adoption, and how parents can help their children bond.

September 24: The Reluctant Spouse and Unsupportive Extended Family

My guest will be Dr. Marlou Russell, a psychologist specializing in adoption and family communication, and author of *Adoption Wisdom: A Guide to the Issues and Feelings of Adoption*.

October 1: Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Adoption

My guest will be Dr. Julian Davies, pediatrician with the Center for Adoption Medicine at the University of Washington and with the University of Washington FAS Clinic, the longest standing FAS center in the US.

Oct. 15: Single Parenthood by Choice

More and more women are choosing to be a single mother through adoption. I will interview Jane Mattes, psychotherapist in private practice in NYC, and founder of Single Mothers by Choice, and Mikki Morrissette, the author of *Choosing Single Motherhood: The Thinking Woman's Guide*.

October 22: Panel of Adult Transracial Adoptees

A panel of adult transracially adopted adult will share their experiences of being raised by white parents. Our panel will reflect the diversity of adoption and will include Asian, Black, and Native American adoptees.

Nov. 5 How to Adopt a Newborn

I will interview Rich Mintzer, author of *Yes, You Can Adopt!: A Comprehensive Guide to Adoption*, and Anne Hughes, Executive Director of Beacon House Adoption Services about adopting a newborn domestically.

Nov. 12: Open Adoption

I will interview an adoptive mom, Micky Duxbury, author of *Making Room in Our Hearts: Keeping Family Ties Through Open Adoption*, and a birth mom, Patricia Dischler, author of *Because I Loved You: A Birthmother's View of Open Adoption* about what is meant by "open" adoption, how open is open, is it good for kids, is it good for families.

Nov. 19: Waiting for Daisy: A journey through Infertility and Adoption

I will interview Peggy Orenstein, author of *Waiting for Daisy: A Tale of Two Continents, Three Religions, Five Infertility Doctors, an Oscar, an Atomic Bomb, a Rom*, about her journey through infertility and into adoption. Orenstein's journey is funny, sad, frustrating, and uplifting. It's a great fun read.

Nov. 26: How Children Process Adoption at Different Ages

I will interview Ellen Singer, adoption therapist and educator with The Center for Adoption Support & Education, about how children understand and process adoption at different stages of development and what parents can do to help children understand what it means to be adopted.

Dec. 10: Surviving the Holidays without a Child-Once Again

I will interview Sharon N. Covington, a clinical psychologist that specializes in infertility and Assistant Professor at the Georgetown University School of Medicine, about coping techniques for the holiday season for those who find themselves childless once again either because their infertility treatment has not been successful or they are still waiting to adopt.

Dec. 17 Creating Attachment in Children Adopted Between Age Two to Five

Deborah Gray, author of *Attaching in Adoption and Nurturing Adoptions* will talk about the special joys and challenges of adopting a preschool aged child and what parents can do to help their child attach and bond.

2007 Archived Shows

Oct. 10- International Adoption-

Eileen Stancukas, an long time adoption social worker and a mom through international adoption, and host Dawn Davenport will talk about all aspects of international adoption from deciding if adoption is right for you, to choosing a country, choosing an agency, and surviving the paperchase.

Oct. 17- UNICEF's position on Adoptions from Guatemala

I will interview Unicef Guatemala representatives Dr. Manuel Manrique and Kelley Bunkers about what is currently happening with Guatemalan adoptions, UNICEF's position, and what the future holds.

Nov. 7- Answers to Questions Commonly Asked at the Beginning of the Adoption Journey

I will interview Susan Caughman, editor of Adoptive Families Magazine, about the questions families often ask at the beginning. Should you choose domestic or international, what if you are ready but your spouse is not, how to choose a country if you decide on international?

Nov. 14- Attaching in Adoption- Deborah Gray

I will interview Deborah Gray, a clinical social worker specializing in attachment issues and author of the book "Attaching in Adoption". Ms. Gray has worked for over 20 years in counseling adoptive and foster families as well as adoptees and foster kids. We will talk about what to expect when you are first home, what is normal, what is worrisome behavior, what parents can do to help with attachment, and how to tell if your child is at risk.

Nov. 21-Adopting After Infertility

I will interview Pat Johnston, adoption and infertility educator and advocate and author of the new book Adopting: Sound Choices, Strong Families (which replaces the earlier Adopting after Infertility). We will talk about how infertility affects parenting and how to transition from infertility to adoption.

Dec. 5- Twenty Things Adopted Kids Wish Their Adoptive Parents Knew

I will interview Sherrie Eldridge, author of the books Twenty Things Adopted Kids Wish Their Adoptive Parents Knew and Forever Fingerprints, about the 20 key issues that can potentially damage relationships between adoptees and their families and what parents can do to help.