
SEMINARS & DOCUMENTARIES (A detailed list)

(Format: S = seminar, D = documentary)

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INFERTILITY

Age & Fertility: What are My Options ^(S)

Adoption: Katherin Jones, Editor, *Adoption Helper Magazine*
Childfree living: Sharon Corder, Actor & Writer
Medical treatment: Dr. Perry Phillips, *IVF Canada*

Anger & Grief ^(S)

Understanding grief: Margaret Ann. Fitzpatrick-Hanley, Counsellor
Anger/Communication: Theresa Wetzel, RN; Infertility Counsellor
Personal experiences: Panel discussion

Becoming Informed ^(S)

Cecile Barington, MEd (Counselling): *The Mind-Body Fertility Program*
Dr. Tom Hannam: Using the Internet to enhance your fertility knowledge
Susie Langley, Registered Dietician: The nutrition & fertility connection

Causes & Treatments of Infertility ^(S)

Causes of infertility, investigation, ovulation induction, IUI, DI, donor egg, surrogacy: Carole Craig, Manager, *IVF Canada*
IVF, embryo freezing, ICSI: Dawn Kelk, Lab Director, *IVF Canada*
How information & support can help: Deborah Tennant, *Infertility Helper Magazine*

Charting, Acupuncture, Shiatsu, Naturopathy ^(S)

Charting temperature & mucus: Lisa Leger, *Fertility Management Svcs*
Acupuncture: Ilya Nudelman, DC
Shiatsu: Tim Phillips, CST
Naturopathy: Marilyn May, ND

Coping with Infertility ^(S)

Coping mechanisms for dealing with uncertainty, stress, disappointment, questions from family/friends; decision-making re treatment options, stopping treatment, adopting, living child-free:
• Jeri Hepworth, Family Medicine, *University of Connecticut*
• Susan McDaniel, Psychiatry & Family Medicine, *U of Rochester*
Comments & personal stories from the audience

Coping with the Holidays ^(S)

Spirituality & infertility: Rev. Morar Murray-Hayes
Coping with the holidays: Dr. Nina Josefowitz, Psychologist

Dealing with Doctors ^(S)

A patient's view. A male partner's view.
A doctor's view: Dr. Cliff Librach
An overview: Carole Craig, Manager, *IVF Canada*
Panel discussion: Becoming your own advocate

Emotional Rollercoaster of Infertility ^(S)

An interactive workshop on the impact of infertility on relationships:
Susan Aaron, Psychotherapist
Comments & personal stories: The audience

Endometriosis & Infertility ^(S)

Medical & surgical Treatment: Dr. Kay Lie
Endometriosis Association: Kathy Chabot
Chinese medical treatment: David Bray, DCM
Naturopathic treatment: Sat Dharan Kaur, ND

Enhancing Fertility ^(S)

Fertility awareness & charting your cycle: Pam Thornton, ND
Naturopathic approaches: Daria Love, ND
Botanical medicine: Anthony Godfrey, ND
Mind-body medicine: Mark Gilbert, *Mind-Body Medicine Canada*
Awakening your fertility: Dot Whitehouse, Therapeutic Touch & Reiki Practitioner
Finding a care provider & what works for you: Margaret Ann McHugh, Ontario Association of Naturopathic Doctors

Family, Friends & the Workplace ^(S)

Workplace issues: Harriet Simand, Lawyer
Communicating with family/friends: Jane Graham, RN, MEd
Panel discussion: Personal experiences

Fertility Drugs & Treatments ^(S)

Dr. Perry Phillips, *IVF Canada*
• Infertility: Causes, investigation, treatments (OI, IUI, IVF, ICSI)
• Fertility Drugs: Types, uses, side effects, long term risks
Russ Burrell, *Serono Canada*: The manufacture of fertility drugs
Norm Hudson, *Organon Canada*: Research & licensing
Christine Juchem, *Berry Technologies*: Internet resources
Heather Woodhouse, Pharmacist: Pricing, purchase options

Fertility Drugs & Ovarian Cancer ^(S)

Dr. Jim Martin, Infertility Specialist, *London Health Sciences Centre*
Dr. Barry Rosen, Ovarian Cancer Program, *Toronto Hospital*
Michelle Mullen, Research Associate, *U of T Centre for Bioethics*

His & Her Responses to Infertility ^(S)

The different ways men & women respond emotionally, how this can affect your relationship, staying in love when you're infertile, coping with coping differences, how infertility can affect your sex life & what you can do about it.
• Jean Haase, Social Worker, *London Health Sciences Centre*
• Sherry Franz Dale, Social Worker & Counsellor in private practice

I'm Not Pregnant Yet; What Next? ^(S)

How to find a doctor; the workup; treatment protocols; Q & A
• Shira Benson, RN, Nurse Manager, *IVF Clinic*
• Dr. Cliff Librach

Infertility & Your Marriage ^(S)

An interactive workshop on the effect of infertility on relationships:
Susan Aaron, Psychotherapist
Comments & personal stories: The audience

The Infertility Stress-Connection ^(S)

Is what I'm feeling normal? Loss, grief, lack of support from others. Why do men & women react differently? Dr. Alice Domar's work at the *Harvard Mind/Body Institute* shows that the relaxation response' decreases anxiety, depression & fatigue, increases the sense of well-being and the chance of conceiving.
• Dr. Lisa Shatford, Psychologist
• Jan Silverman, MEd, Infertility counsellor

IVF: What Do You Need to Know? ^(S)

Intro to IVF: Dr. James Martin, *London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC)*
 ICSI: Dr. Scot Hamilton, *ISIS Regional Fertility Centre*
 IVF at a satellite clinic: Ginette Hamel, *Chicoutimi Hospital*
 Assisted hatching: Jim Meriano, Embryologist
 Genetic screening: Teresa Barry Longley, RN
 Parenting multiples: Sherry Thiessen, *Triples, Quads, Quints Assocn*
 Understanding IVF success rates: Chris Newton, PhD, *LHSC*
 Blastocyst transfer: Dr. Michael Virro, *Markham Fertility Centre*
 Coping with IVF: Jan Silverman, MEd, Infertility counsellor
 Medical aspects of egg donation: Cathy Ruberto, RN
 The role of sperm in IVF: David Towles, *Xytex sperm bank*
 Social & emotional aspects of using donor sperm/eggs: Jean Haase, MSW
 Trends & research: Dr. Cliff Librach, *CREATe*
 In Vitro Maturation: Johanne Levesque, Lab Director
 Ethical issues: Laura Shanner, PhD, Ethicist, *University of Alberta*
 The older woman patient: Dr. Anthony Auyeung
 Parenting after IVF: Sherry Franz Dale, MSW, Infertility Counsellor

**Medical & Naturopathic Treatment;
& Coping Strategies** ^(S)

Judith Fiore, ND, Naturopath: Nutrition & lifestyle counselling,
 homeopathy, herbs & acupuncture
 Sherry Franz Dale, MSW: Coping with the emotional aspects of infertility
 Dr. Nathan Roth, *The Fertility & Reproductive Medicine Centre*:
 • Workup & medical treatment options for the infertile couple
 • Male factor infertility: DNA integrity testing as a predictor of IVF success

The Mind-Body Connection ^(S)

Reducing stress & anxiety using mind-body techniques. (Based on studies by Dr. Alice Domar at the *Harvard University Mind/Body Program* showing women in a mind-body program triple their pregnancy rate):
 Jan Silverman, MEd, Infertility counsellor

Miscarriage: Causes, Treatments & Emotions ^(S)

Causes & treatments: Dr. Carl Laskin, *Lifequest*
 Healthy mourning: Anne Smith, *Perinatal Bereavement Services*

A Naturopathic Approach To Treatment ^(S)

A personal experience: Ema Nardella, Infertility Counsellor
 Naturopathy: Daria Love, ND

Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome ^(S)

Implications & medical treatment for fertility & women's health:
 Dr. Ellen Greenblatt, *Mt. Sinai Hospital*
 Nutrition for PCOS: Erin Collins, Registered Dietician
 Nutrition, acupuncture, botanicals & homeopathy: Judith Fiore, ND
 Coping with the emotional toll & grieving the losses: Cecile Barington,
 MEd, *Mind-Body Behavioural Medicine Program For Infertility*
 You Are Not Alone - Other cysters like you: Lori Peeling-Hill, *Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome Association Of Canada*

Secondary Infertility ^(S)

Causes & treatments: Dr. Carol Redmond, *Lifequest*
 Panel discussion: Personal stories

Surviving the Challenge ^(S)

Spirituality & religious communities: Do they have anything to offer?
 Rev. Donna Morrison-Reed
 Coping strategies: Jan Silverman, MEd, Infertility counsellor

When is Enough Enough? ^(S)

The decision-making process: Jan Silverman, MEd, Infertility counsellor
 Personal experiences re:

- * stopping IVF or DI
- * deciding to adopt, or to live childfree
- * having 1 child through treatment but being unable to more
- * adopting then re-entering treatment

DONOR CONCEPTION

(Many of these speakers have written books available through the Infertility Network. Please see website, Order Form, Booklist.)

Building Families through Donor Conception:**The Personal, Professional & Public Policy Issues** ^(S)

Keynote: Ken Daniels, New Zealand Professor of Social Work; researcher, author & policy consultant; author, *Building a Family with the Assistance of Donor Insemination*

Making the decision to use donor sperm: Jean Haase, MSW

Making the decision to use donor eggs: Jan Silverman, MEd

Discussion with 2 families & a donor featured in *Test Tube Dads*, a

documentary re anonymity & the experience of meeting the donor

Information sharing: Leonie Hewitt, *Donor Conception Support Group of Australia*

Identity issues of offspring: Geraldine Hewitt, author of a large international study on donor-conceived adults & adolescents.

Implications of an open market & anonymous donation: Molly Shanley, Prof. of Political Science, *Vassar College, USA*. Author, *Making Babies, Making Families: What Matters Most in an Age of Reproductive Technologies, Surrogacy, Adoption, and Same-Sex & Unwed Parents' Rights*
 What can we learn from adoption?

• Karen Lynn, Canadian Council of Birthmothers

• Catherine Clute, Adoptive Parents Association of Nova Scotia

• Wendy Rowney, Adoption, Support & Kinship (ASK)

• Bill Cordray, Donor offspring

The UK *Consultation on Access to Genetic Origins Information*: Eric Blyth, UK Professor of Social Work; researcher, author & policy consultant; editor & contributor, *Truth & the Child 10 Years On: Information Exchange in Donor Assisted Conception & Third Party Assisted Conception Across Cultures: Social, Legal & Ethical Perspectives*

The Irish experience: Deirdre Madden, Lecturer in law. Member, *Irish Commission on Assisted Human Reproduction*

The ties that bind: Caroline Lorbach, *Donor Conception Support Group of Australia*; Editor, *Let the Offspring Speak*; Author, *Experiences of Donor Conception: Parents, Offspring & Donors through the Years*.

Parenting after donor conception: Parents via sperm & egg donation

Discussion with filmmaker Barry Stevens, his sister & niece re *Offspring*, a documentary about their search for genetic family

Embryo adoption: In the best interests of the embryos? Ellen Glazer, MSW; author, *Choosing Assisted Reproduction; The Long Awaited Stork; Having Your Baby Through Egg Donation*

Offspring speak: 3 adult conceived via anonymous DI

Egg donors: Who are they & why do they do it? Sherry Franz Dale, MSW

Ethics, choices & responsibility: Laura Shanner, Professor of Health Ethics

Donor conception in Canada: Past, present & future:

• Phyllis Creighton, Bioethicist, *Health Canada Advisory Committee on Reproductive & Genetic Technologies*

• Dr. Alfonso Del Valle, Medical Director, *ReproMed* sperm bank

• Francine Manseau, Senior Policy Analyst, *Health Canada*

• Shirley Pratten, New Reproductive Alternatives Society & DI mom

• Barry Stevens, Donor offspring

Choices & Challenges of Donor Insemination ^(S)

Carol Frost Vercollone, MSW, Author, *Helping the Stork: The Choices & Challenges of Donor Insemination*

David Towles, Xytex sperm bank

A Different Story ^(D)

By Liesel Evans, Donor Conception Network

7 children & young people (aged 7-20), conceived through anonymous donor insemination (DI) by heterosexual couples and told at an early age by their parents, discuss when they first found out; whether they are pleased their parents told them; whether their friends know and how they have responded; who they see as their 'dad,' what their relationship is like with him & how they think he feels about the DI; whether they think about their donor &/or half-siblings and want to know more.

A Different Story Revisited ^(D)

By Kat Litchfield, Donor Conception Network

12 children & young people (aged 9-26) conceived via sperm, egg, embryo & double (egg + sperm) donation by solo mums, lesbian & heterosexual couples discuss their thoughts and feelings about being donor conceived regarding the importance of being told early; their relationship with, & similarities to, their non-biological parent(s); how friends they've told have reacted; their curiosity about their half-siblings.

Donor Insemination: Issues, Disclosure, Doctors ^(S)

Making the decision: Sherry Franz Dale, DI parent

Disclosure in DI: Jane Graham, RN, MEd, parent via DI

Personal experiences: DI parents; a single woman undergoing DI; a couple who decided to stop DI & adopt

Rona Achilles, PhD, Sociologist, DI Researcher for *The Royal Commission on New Reproductive Technologies*

Disclosure ^(S)

History of DI: Rona Achilles, PhD, Sociologist, DI Researcher

Donors & disclosure: Cathy Ruberto, *ReproMed* sperm bank

DI recipients: Secrecy & disclosure: Sherry Franz Dale, DI parent

To tell or not to tell? Jane Graham, RN, MEd, Parent via DI

Panel Discussion: Parents through egg & sperm donation

Egg & Sperm Donation ^(S)

DI in the era of ART & ICSI: Dr. Art Leader, Ottawa Fertility Centre

Towards an identity-release model: New Zealand Professor of Social Work; researcher, author & policy consultant; author, *Building a Family with the Assistance of Donor Insemination*

DI: Current concepts & clinical applications: Dr. Alfonso Del Valle, Medical Director, *ReproMed* sperm bank

Legislation: Linda Williams, Policy Analyst, *Health Canada*

Panel discussion on legislation: Linda Williams; Dr. Leader; Prof Daniels; Dr. Murray Kroach, *IVF Canada*; Rona Achilles, PhD, DI researcher; Diane Allen, *Infertility Network*

Building a family through donor gametes – Secrecy vs openness: Shirley Pratten, *New Reproductive Alternatives Society*; Olivia Pratten, Shirley's 15 year old DI daughter; Bill Cordray, DI offspring; a donor egg mom

Sperm banking in Canada: Dr. Del Valle, *ReproMed* sperm bank

Egg donation in Canada: Dr. Murray Kroach, *IVF Canada*

Role of support groups: Sherry Dale, MSW; Bill Cordray; Shirley Pratten

Egg, Sperm & Embryo Donation ^(S)

Host: Shirley Pratten, *New Reproductive Alternatives Society*; DI mom

Truth & the child: Eric Blyth, UK Professor of Social Work; researcher, author & policy consultant; editor & contributor, *Truth & the Child 10 Years On: Information Exchange in Donor Assisted Conception & Third Party Assisted Conception Across Cultures: Social, Legal & Ethical Perspectives*

What can we learn from adoption? Jean Haase, MSW

Parenting: Valerie Fines, Social Worker

Grief & loss in 3rd party conception: Jan Silverman, MEd

Finding egg donors: Shelley Smith, *The Egg Donor Program* (California),

Being an egg donor: A former egg donor

Donating eggs in exchange for treatment: A patient who donated

DI issues for lesbians: Sherry Franz Dale, MSW

Legal issues for gay & lesbian families: Kelly Jordan, Lawyer

Canadian government initiatives: Francine Manseau, Senior Policy Analyst, *Health Canada*

Conceived through DI a generation apart: Bill Cordray & Olivia Pratten

A donor speaks: Video presentation by David Towles, Xytex sperm bank

ID-release sperm donors: Maura Riordan, MSW, *Sperm Bank of California*

My experience as a DI dad: A father via DI

The joys & challenges of a single DI mom by choice: Personal account

Embryo donation: Susan Ward, IVF clinic manager

Legal aspects of egg & embryo donation: Sherry Levitan, Lawyer

Donor conception around the world: Sherry Franz Dale, MSW

The Future of Donor Conception: Where Do We Go From Here? ^(S)

Single mothers by choice: Mikki Morrisette, author, *Choosing Single Motherhood – The Thinking Woman's Guide*

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer parenting: Rachel Epstein, Coordinator, *LGBT Parenting Network*, Toronto

Having your baby using egg donation: Ellen Glazer, social worker specializing in reproductive medicine & adoption; parent through birth & adoption; author, *Having Your Baby Through Egg Donation*.

All in One Basket: a documentary on egg donation by Lauren Berliner

Should ethics & money mix in donor conception & surrogate

motherhood? Phyllis Creighton, Historian. Ethicist. Member, *Health Canada Advisory Committee on Reproductive & Genetic Technologies*.

The Assisted Human Reproduction (AHR) Act: Implementation & development of the regulatory framework: Francine Manseau, Manager, Health Policy Development Group, *Health Canada*

Finding your half-siblings & donor: Wendy Kramer & Ryan, her son via anonymous DI, *Donor Sibling Registry* (USA non-profit assisting those conceived through sperm, egg or embryo donation make informed

mutual consent contact with others with whom they share genetic ties)

How to tell children about their donor conception: Olivia Montuschi, *Donor Conception Network*; mother of 2 young adults via anonymous DI; Manager, *How to Tell* project

Open-identity sperm donors & donor-conceived adolescents: Joanna Scheib, PhD; Research director, *The Sperm Bank of California*

Panel discussion:

- Canadian mother of a 13 year old via egg donation

- American father of 2 young children via DI

- Former UK & USA sperm donors

The mediation of kinship & identity: Jo Rose, adult offspring (UK); PhD (ethics) candidate; member, *Tangled Webs*, an international organization opposed to donor conception due to the intentional fracturing of genetic kinship. (Jo's case before the High Court was instrumental in ending donor anonymity in the United Kingdom.)

Comparing Policy Cultures – Gamete donation in the UK & Canada: Mavis Jones; Senior Research Associate & PhD candidate, *Centre for Environmental Risk, University of East Anglia*, UK

Embryo adoption: Megan Corcoran, Client & Clinic Relations, *Snowflakes Embryo Adoption Program* (USA)

Understanding what it means to be a donor offspring: Parrish Protheroe, PhD (USA)

The struggle for dignity in donor conception: Bill Cordray (USA), donor conceived adult & advocate for reform of the donor system.

Meeting the challenges posed by the abolition of donor anonymity: Eric Blyth, UK Professor of Social Work; researcher, author & policy consultant; editor & contributor, *Truth & the Child 10 Years On: Information Exchange in Donor Assisted Conception & Third Party Assisted Conception Across Cultures*

Panel discussion:

- Shirley Pratten (Canada), *New Reproductive Alternatives Society*

- Olivia Pratten, Shirley's 23 year old daughter via DI

- 2 USA adult offspring (via anonymous DI)

Getting It Right: Putting Ethics at the Core of Gamete Donation Practice ^(S)

Phyllis Creighton, Historian. Ethicist. Former member, Health Canada *Advisory Committee on Reproductive & Genetic Technologies*.

The Real Voices of Donor Conception: 3 adult offspring re how donor 'children' may feel once they grow up; the dangers of not telling; searching for their sperm donor father

Loving & Supporting Our Children: 3 parents via sperm/egg donation re life as dad to DI kids; using the office of the Privacy Commissioner to access medical records; the human consequences when ethics are not at the core of gamete donation

Sperm Donation Practice in Canada:

- Heather Brooks, Outreach Health Services (Xytex distributor)
- Dr. Alphonso Del Valle, Repromed sperm bank

Ending Donor Anonymity: What Next? Eric Blyth, Professor of Social Work, UK. Researcher, author & policy consultant; editor & contributor, *Truth & the Child 10 Years On: Information Exchange in Donor Assisted Conception and Third Party Assisted Conception Across Cultures*

Why Canada's Parliament Kept Donor Anonymity in the Assisted Human Reproduction (AHR) Act: Alison Motluk, Journalist & Broadcaster

Donated Generation: The Debate Over Anonymity & Open Donors:

Cheryl Miller (USA), Writer & blogger for the New Atlantis
LGBT Perspectives on the AHR Act: Rachel Epstein, *LGBT Parenting Network*, Toronto

Telling & talking to children about Donor Conception: Olivia Montuschi, *Donor Conception Network (UK)*. Mother of 2 young adults via DI.

Educating, Connecting & Supporting Donor Families: Wendy Kramer (USA), *Donor Sibling Registry*, a USA non-profit assisting those conceived through sperm, egg or embryo donation make informed mutual consent contact with others with whom they share genetic ties.

What Can We Learn from Adoption: Karen Lynn, Ontario Coalition for Open Adoption Records (COAR)

An Identity-Release System ^(S)

Helen Szoke, CEO, *Infertility Treatment Authority*, Victoria, Australia: (15 years of regulation & an ID release system of donor information)

Shirley Pratten, *New Reproductive Alternatives Society*, DI mom: What families & offspring need from a donor system.

Barry Stevens, DI offspring: A search for family.

Francine Manseau, *Health Canada*: Proposed Canadian approach: standards, licensing, info registries, regulation, prohibitions.

The Offspring Speak ^(S)

Historical perspective: Rona Achilles, PhD, Health Policy Consultant, DI Researcher for the *Royal Commission on NRTs*

New research on offspring: Lynn Spencer, DI offspring (USA)

A sperm bank prepares for donor identity release: Maura Riordan, MSW, Executive Director, & Joanna Scheib, PhD, *Sperm Bank of California*

Thoughts & feelings on releasing identifying donor information: Olivia Pratten & Shelley Kreutz, DI offspring (Canada)

Is DI a form of adoption? Bill Cordray, DI offspring (USA)

How important is the genetic tie? Sherry Franz Dale, MSW

Proposed regulatory framework for reproductive & genetic technologies: Francine Manseau, Senior Policy Analyst, *Health Canada*

Personal story: David Gollancz, DI offspring (UK)

The family secret: Barry Stevens (Canada) & Janice Botsford (USA), DI offspring & siblings

Parallels between adoption & DI: Suzanne Ariel, DI offspring (USA)

Panel Discussion: Donor offspring

Patient Preparation ^(S)

Patient preparation: Rona Achilles, PhD, DI Researcher

Needs of donor families: Deborah Kent, *DI Advocacy & Support Group*

Counselling issues: Jean Haase, MSW

Sperm banking today: Cathy Ruberto, *ReproMed* sperm bank

Telling & Talking About Donor Conception ^(D)

By Liesel Evans, Donor Conception Network

Parents & children (aged 5-18) in 10 families (2 single women, 1 lesbian couple, 7 heterosexual couples) who used anonymous or known egg donation, anonymous sperm, or double (egg & sperm) donation answer questions about their experiences of 'telling' as children grow, and feelings, perspectives and questions change. The parents talk openly, sharing their initial anxieties & expectations about disclosure, how & why they went ahead (some against the advice of doctors &/or an initial desire to keep it a secret), and go on to recount how things have actually worked out.

ADOPTION

From Infertility to Adoption ^(S)

Making the transition from infertility to adoption: Karen McKnight, MEd, Certified Professional Coach specializing in the process of adult change, personal growth & development. Adoptive mother of 3.

The adoption experience: Panel discussion – Adoptive parent, birth mother & adult adoptee.

The Adoption Council of Ontario; The Adoption Resource Exchange: Mary Allan, Chair, *Adoption Council of Ontario*; Supervisor, Adoption & Foster Care Branch, *Children's Aid Society of Toronto*

Is Adoption For Me? ^(S)

The whys & why nots: Jan Silverman, MEd, Infertility counsellor & adoptive parent

The adoption experience: Panel discussion – Prospective adoptive parents; parents through birth & adoption; adult adoptee

Communications & decisions: Ruth Maben, MSW, *Adoption social worker*

Making the Decision to Adopt ^(S)

Intro: Jan Silverman, MEd, Infertility counsellor & adoptive parent

Making the decision: Selma Elzas, Social Worker, Adoptive parent

The adoption experience: Panel discussion – Adoptee & adoption rights advocate; birth mother; parents through birth & adoption

Getting Started on Adoption ^(S)

The homestudy: Barbara Steinberg, Social Worker

Homestudy: A personal experience: Alison Pentland-Folk, *Support for Parents Adopting & Raising Real World Kids*; adoptive parent (2 children from Romania)

Changing adoptive countries: Adoptive parent

Communicating with your spouse: Adoptive parent

What Do I Need to Know about Adoption? ^(S)

Intro: Adoptive parents (newborn from USA in an open adoption)

Homestudy, legal process, birth parent letter, advertising, agencies, facilitators, domestic vs international, countries, costs:

- Mary Ann Kennedy, Social Worker & Adoption Lawyer
- Alison Pentland-Folk, *Support for Parents Adopting & Raising Real World Kids*; Adoptive parent (2 children from Romania)

An Overview of Adoption ^(S)

The legal process: Cheryl Appell, Lawyer & Licensee

The homestudy: Barbara Steinberg, Adoption social worker

Public, private & international adoption: Katherin Jones, Editor, *Adoption Helper* magazine; adoptive parent

The role of parent support groups: Lynne Wilson Orr, *Latin American Adoptive Families*

Adoption resources: Alison Pentland-Folk, *Support for Parents Adopting & Raising Real World Kids*; adoptive parent (Romania)

Adoption from A – Z ^(S)

Trends in adoption today: Pat Fenton, *Adoption Council of Ontario*

Making the transition from infertility to adoption: Adoptive parent (newborn from Hungary, toddler from Russia)

The homestudy: Betty Ann Streeter, Social Worker & Licensee

Adopting privately in Ontario: adoptive parents (newborn in an open adoption)

Adopting through a public agency: Adoptive parent (older baby & toddler through the *Catholic CAS*)

Adopting internationally: Adoptive parent (China)

Breastfeeding your adopted baby: Adoptive mom

The birth parent experience: A birth mother

Growing up adopted: An adoptee

Adoption Today ^(S)

Making the transition from infertility to adoption: Adoptive parent (newborn from Hungary, toddler from Russia)

Adopting through the Children's Aid Society: Wilma Burke, *CAS*

Private & International Adoption: Pat Fenton, *Adoption Council of Ont.*

The homestudy process: Sharon Gollert, MSW, Social Worker

Adoptive parents' experiences with local adoption: A toddler through *CAS*; siblings through the *Adoption Resource Exchange*; a newborn in a private, open adoption

Adoptive parents' experiences with international adoption: A newborn from the USA using the Internet; a toddler from Russia; a toddler from China as a single woman

Growing up adopted: Dianne Mathes, adoptee, adoption therapist

The birth parent experience: Birth parents

Parenting in adoption: Pat Fenton

Options in Adoption Today ^(S)

Options in adoption: Pat Fenton, *Adoption Council of Ontario*

The homestudy: Sofie Stergiani, Social Worker

Personal Stories: Adoptive parents – Adopting cross-racially; local private adoption & *CAS*; an older child from the *CAS* & Russia; China

Adopting from China (video) ^(S)

Overview of the Process: Deborah Maw, Adoptive parent; Executive Director, *Open Arms To International Adoption* agency

Why Choose China? Panel of adoptive parents

The homestudy process: Joan Schettler, MSW, Adoption Social Worker

Video of 1 family's adoption journey to China

Adopting from China (audio) ^(S)

Intro: Adoptive parent (China)

Adoption in China: Bonnie Maddever, *Formons Une Famille*

Doing a homestudy for China: Sharon Gollert, Social Worker

The paper chase: Bonnie Maddever

Personal stories re adopting from China & resources for parents adopting as a couple & as a single woman.

Adopting from Eastern Europe ^(S)

Intro: Adoptive parent (Romania)

The homestudy: Sheila Neuburger, Social Worker

Russia & Romania: Angela Galcso, Adoption facilitator

Personal stories re adopting from Eastern Europe

Adopting from Latin America ^(S)

The homestudy: Betty Ann Streeter, Social Worker

The process: Beryl Mercer, LLB, *Saint Anne Adoption Centre*

Personal stories re adopting from Latin America

Adopting in Ontario ^(S)

Intro: Adoptive parent (older baby through the *Catholic CAS*)

Adoption Council of Ontario: Pat Fenton, Executive Director

Catholic Children's Aid Society: Margaret O'Reilly

Children's Aid Society: Susan Froelich, MSW

Jewish Family & Child Services: Susan Brandes, MSW

Children's Resource & Consultation Centre: Michael Blugerman, MSW

Adopting Internationally ^(S)

Intro: Adoptive parent

Homestudy approval: Joan Webber, Adoption Unit, *Ontario Ministry of Community & Social Services*

Foreign adoption: Katherin Jones, Editor, *Adoption Helper* magazine

Latin American Adoptive Families: Lynne Wilson Orr

Support for Parents Adopting & Raising Real World Kids: Alison Pentland-Folk

Adopting through a Public Agency ^(S)

Nancy Dale, Adoption Supervisor, *Children's Aid Society*: Eligibility, the process, the homestudy, children available

Personal stories: Adoptive parents

Adopting from Russia ^(S)

The *Caring Homes for Orphan Children (CHOC)* adoption agency: Yosaif Yarmush, Executive Director

The adoption process: Anna Kharkhourin, Program Manager, CHOC

The role of the adoption practitioner before, during & after the adoption: Dagmar Niffeler, MSW, Adoption Social Worker

Adoptive families share their experiences: Adoptive mother & adoptee

Closing Comments: Henry Gotfryd, Admin Manager, CHOC

'From Russia with love' (documentary about adopting from Russia)

Open Adoption ^(S)

Intro: Adoptive parents (newborns in open adoption from USA)

Jennie Painter, *Adoption Resource & Counselling Services* The philosophy behind open adoption. How openness can benefit all members of the adoption triangle. The changing relationship between the birth parents, adoptive parents & the child.

An open adoption story: Birthmother & adoptive parents